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Set to Become Board Chair

Strasser Kauffman Opposes New Taxes



CARMEL VALLEY'S Karin Strasser Kauffman assumes the chair of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Jan. 7. The Fifth District supervisor will take the gavel from Sam Karas. The chairmanship of the five-member board rotates annually.
Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

By Isabelle Hall

As she prepares to become chair of the Board of Supervisors for the second time, Karin Strasser Kauffman remains opposed to any new taxes, favoring service and staff cuts if necessary to make the County's budget work.

"I feel very strongly in a time of recession that we cannot heap any more tax burden on our people," Strasser Kauffman said in a year-end interview with the *Sun*. "Small businesses are barely hanging on, and they're going to have more taxes at the state and federal level.

"Utility and business license taxes are being considered by some of my colleagues," she said of her fellow supervisors who voted 3-2 twice this year against such measures. "It's bound to come up again. But it's not an acceptable solution.

Live Within Our Means

"We just have to live within our means even if that means cutting services and cutting staff," she said. "I'm not underestimating the hardship. The constituents won't get as good service as they deserve, and we'll probably get all kinds of complaints."

For every $1 billion dollars of deficit the state is in, Strasser Kauffman said the county loses $1 million from its current $278 million budget.

"The state budget is a walking disaster," she said. "We know for certain we are losing $2 million but it could be as high as $14 million" based on recent statements by Gov. Pete Wilson. She also does not see the county getting access in 1992 to $355 million from Measure B as a result of a recent Supreme Court building. (See a separate story on page 3.)

Strasser Kauffman's other priorities besides "good budgeting" as she takes over the board chairmanship, include:

o Working towards regional government possibly including Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito and San Luis Obispo counties.

o Helping create middle income housing for the working population of the county.

The Fifth District supervisor becomes chair—a term she prefers because it's "just like Roberts Rules of Order and it's gender free"—of the board at its first 1992 meeting on Jan. 7. The chairmanship of the five-member board is a rotating position that she last held in 1987. She will take the gavel from Fourth District Supervisor Sam Karas

First elected in 1984 in a hotly contested race against five other candidates, Strasser Kauffman was unopposed for re-election in 1988 but is prepared for opposition in the coming June elections. Although she will be running from the powerful board chair-

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Supervisor Seeks Interim Highway 1 Improvements

Predicting a new freeway around Carmel will take eight more years at best, Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman disclosed she has been working to arrange interim improvements to alleviate congestion in the meantime and said she hoped to have an announcement before too long.

"There's been a lot of premature panic" about the Hatton Canyon Freeway, according to Strasser Kauffman who said she believes there is "plenty of time to work on some kind of long-term solution" to traffic congestion on Highway 1.

In the face of expected legal action challenging the adequacy of the the environmental impact report/statement (EIR/S) on the long-pending proposal, she told the *Sun:*

"There's going to be a lot of argument and Caltrans has yet to do a final design. It has to get through the County and the Coastal Commission."

Asked how long she thought it would take to resolve the issue, Strasser Kauffman predicted, "Even if things went smoothly, I would say it would take eight to ten years."

Meanwhile, she said she has had a number of meetings with Caltrans and the County Department of Public Works in an attempt to come up with some kind of interim relief in the form of improvements at Carmel Valley Road, Rio Road and Carpenter Street.

"I've had a number of meetings," she said. "I hope we'll get some relief this coming year. I can't make promises for the state and federal agencies, but I anticipate being able to make an announcement soon."

"I support a long range traffic solution," she said. "And all the studies indicate that the canyon is the only locale that has sufficient space for a solution. I also support having some interim improvements...It is unacceptable to me that we don't have some interim relief."

She cited the problem of ambulances get-

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Rains Soak Area; More Predicted

By Stan Hall

Powerful, back-to-back weekend storms aimed squarely at the Central Coast gave the region its best possible holiday gift—a good drenching and the prospect that more moisture might be on the way to help end the drought that is now in its sixth year.

"The door is open," said meteorologist Robert Renard, referring to a breakdown in a Pacific high pressure system that frequently stations itself off the coast and prohibits the direct advance of strong storms from the west. He said prospects looked good for additional rainfall around New Year's eve and again during the weekend.

Accompanied by strong winds, downed trees and power lines, mud slides, thunder and lightning and some minor flooding, the storms dropped up to 6.5 inches of rain in some higher elevations of

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DASHING ACROSS OCEAN AVENUE under an umbrella are a young couple who braved Sunday's downpour to window shop. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

LETTERS

Help Out The Post Office

Now that most of us are really into recycling (albeit, forced!), why do we balk when we get to our post office? I'll be the first to admit that the convenience of throwing away the junk mail there instead of hauling it around in my car all day, only to have to unload it at the end of the day into my own refuse container, was very helpful. However, to expect the postal workers to contend with that mess every day is unconscionable.

Most of us try as best we can to reduce stress in our daily activities. Can't we do the same for the people who work at the post office? In spite of various kinds of hassles they must experience throughout five work days, they are always pleasant and helpful.

Please, let's give them a wonderful New Year's gift—one that shows thoughtful responsibility and appreciation for their hard work: honor their polite request to dispose (by recycling) of your own unwanted paper.

Norma Kays
Carmel Valley

"A Caring Man" Identified

In your paper of Dec. 19 on page 2, you carried a letter to the editor "A Salute to A Caring Man" sent in by Laura Brillhart.

We have also seen this gentleman at work and stopped along the highway to talk to him and brought him some coffee and Danish pastry on cold days.

The gentleman's name is Mr. Walter Helm. It might be a nice personal interest story if one of your reporters could talk to him when he is working to clean up the shoulders of Carmel Valley Road.

Perhaps also an appeal in the paper for people not to throw garbage from their cars would make Mr. Helm's volunteer job a little easier. He is not a youngster.

Cathy and John Pais
Carmel

Thank you for identifying Mr. Helm. We will see if he is interested in being the subject of a story in the Sun. As for an appeal for people not to throw trash out of their cars and trucks, your letter makes it perfectly. A point we might add is that we frequently see trash blowing out of the uncovered backs of pickups and trucks driving on Carmel Valley Road. I'm confident most of these drivers wouldn't think of throwing trash out the window, but by not securing their loads, they do sometimes contribute to the litter along the roadway.—The Ed.

Thanks to A Good Samaritan

On Dec. 8 going to Carmel Valley Chapel, I had car trouble on Carmel Valley Road but was able to pull over to the side of the road by the horse ranch as the car died. I got out my California Automobile Club (CAA) signs CAR STALLED and PLEASE HELP.

I had just put them on the car when a young woman driving towards Carmel turned around and came back to me. She said she would go back home and call CAA for me. I thanked her, but failed to get her name as she was in a hurry to get to her job.

If she reads this, I want her to know how much I appreciate her kindness. The CAA came shortly and now all is well. People like that lady help to give us the feeling of neighborliness and consideration I associate with Carmel Valley.

Violet Carlson Beahan
Carmel



UP A TREE OVER TREES

Praise for Postal Workers

Please say thank you and Happy New Year to those behind the counters at our local post offices.

I have lived in four cities in this country, and I have never found such polite, helpful and kind people as those who work at the Carmel-by-the-Sea and Crossroads post offices in any other place I have lived.

Remember, thank you is one of the most important terms in the English language.

Beatrice B. Schoenwisner
Carmel

Friends of Forest Saluted

Congratulations to the Friends of the Carmel Forest for outstanding community service and the creation of two superb public service brochures; one a self-guilded tour to identify our community's heritage trees, the other a snappy resident's guide on caring for these, our most valuable resource.

You all should be proud.

Greg D'Ambrosio
Assistant City Administrator
Carmel-by-the-Sea

Museum Appreciates Coverage

The Board of Trustees of the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art Association is most appreciative of your participation in Home for the Holidays, the event recently held at La Mirada, the extension of the Museum of Art.

As you are no doubt aware, support for cultural organizations such as museums during this difficult economic time is hard to come by, given pressing needs in other areas. Your coverage of Home for the Holidays contributed immeasurably to the success of the event, helping attract residents and visitors. We are especially grateful for this excellent coverage provided by the *Sun*; it was most effective.

Katie Dietterle
Chairman, La Mirada Trustees

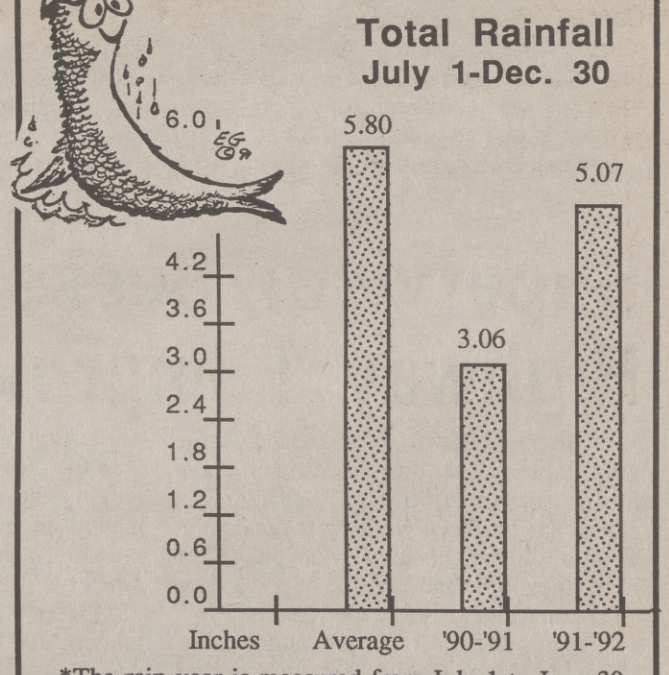
Thanks for Help to Library

The Carmel Public Library Foundation would like to personally thank everyone who has helped us during the year continue to provide free, quality library service at the Harrison Memorial Library to our community.

Lamont Wiltsee, President
Carmel Public Library Foundation

Drought Watch

Total Rainfall
July 1-Dec. 30



*The rain year is measured from July 1 to June 30. The chart above shows rainfall for year-to-date for this year, last year and what is average, based on three decades of records for Carmel Valley Village maintained by observer Graham Matthews.

For the full rain year, average precipitation in the Village is 17.59 inches. Since 1986, the area has received significantly below average rainfall. It got 11.24 inches in '86-'87, 10.06 in '87-'88, 11.06 in '88-'89, 13.32 in '89-'90, and 15.72 in '90-'91.

Chart by June Levora

Letters-to-Editor Rules

The *Sun* encourages letters from its readers and prints as many as it can. But it has rules that apply to them:

1. Letters should be about topics of immediate local interest. Letters on international, national and state issues will be rejected unless they also directly concern the local area.

2. Letters must be signed and include a home address and a telephone number. Anonymous letters and those whose authorship can not be verified will not be printed.

3. Letters should be brief, under 250 words if possible. Longer letters will be used at times, but shorter ones have a better chance of being printed.

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Supervisors Hear Monastery Beach Lot Dispute Jan. 7

The acrimonious dispute over State Parks Department plans for a 60-car parking lot in an historic eucalyptus grove on Monastery Beach is expected to draw a crowd Jan. 7 when it returns to the Board of Supervisors for a public hearing.

Fifth District Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman, who will be sworn in as chair of the board that day, said, "I would regret having the beach posted, 'No Diving,' and there is a real danger of having that happen. It's a real danger because it is a dangerous beach.

"I want to hear what people have to say. I respect the mandate that State Parks has but the local residents have needs, too."

The Parks Department contends the beach must be posted to warn divers and others of the dangerous waves and that parking along the shoulder of Highway 1 poses traffic dangers. Its first proposal for parking lots at both ends of the beach was rejected by the board and appealed to the Coastal Commission which postponed the issue four months to allow time for a local solution.

After two public hearings—one of them at the "beautiful but dangerous" beach—Parks Department Supervising Landscape Architect Kerry B. Gates wrote Assemblyman Sam Farr last month saying it still considered the eucalyptus grove site "the best parking solution."

Meanwhile, Tim Beardsley, one of the parents of children who attend the historic Bay School between Highway 1 and the eucalyptus grove, organized groups to gather signatures on a petition opposing such a lot.

At the hearings chaired by Farr, local residents and representatives of the City of Carmel and of scuba divers all opposed any parking lot. The consensus was that if any solution to heavy weekend parking along the highway shoulder was necessary, it should consist of widening the shoulder not building parking lots.



SCENE FROM A TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY postcard shows a herd of cows being driven by what is now known as Monastery Beach, and it shows that mature eucalyptus grew there even that long ago. The eucalyptus grove behind historic Bay School has become the object of a bitter fight since the State Parks Department proposed cutting it down to put in a 60-car, off-highway parking lot.

Photo Courtesy Rick Wilkerson

Asked about the Jan. 7 hearing during a year-end interview, Strasser Kauffman told the *Sun*, "Right now it's wide open. Most of the solutions have problems of one kind or another. If we keep our eye on the problem, it's easier to find a solution. We can't afford to stick our heads in the sand."

"State parks needs to find a small scale solution rather than building a large parking lot," she added. "We cannot let them off the hook. We're trying to help them get a better project."

Well aware of the displeasure of local residents who waited hours without being allowed time to speak at the Coastal Commission and at the previous board hearing, Strasser Kauffman said she wanted "to make sure that everyone has a chance to be heard. But they will need to limit their time."

The hearing is scheduled for 3:25 p.m.

Local opponents of any parking lot were stung when Second District Supervisor Barbara Shipnuck made the statement at a Nov. 20 supervisors' hearing, "I am very concerned about the attitudes of Bay School parents. Let's not get elitist."

Beardlsey said the school has 28 children, including Hispanic, Asian, Middle Eastern and black youngsters with two pupils on financial aid that is available to those who need it.

There were reports that nuns who live at the Monastery for which the beach is named also have signed the petition against a parking lot. The nuns are members of the Carmelite Order whose members take a vow of silence.

Because the Coastal Commission retained jurisdiction of the project, the board will listen to the public and the Parks Department and forward its recommendation to the commission which is scheduled to hear the issue again in February.

Ruling Puts CV Road 4-Lane Funds in Doubt

Funding for two dozen projects including the proposed four-laning of a stretch of Carmel Valley Road seems in further doubt after a California Supreme Court ruling that tax increases similar to Monterey County's Measure B must be approved by two thirds of the voters.

Despite the ruling striking down a similar tax increase in San Diego County, Fifth District Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman said the County would continue to fight in court to have the half-cent sales tax increase upheld.

"The stakes are high enough for Monterey County to take it to the highest level," she told the *Sun*. She acknowledged, however, that "Measure B doesn't look good right now."

Deputy County Counsel Lee Blankenship said the next step for the tax is an upcoming challenge in the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Jose, and he held out hope that it is different enough from the San Diego tax to survive.

However, Ron Pasquinelli, president of the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association which challenged Measure B's legality, told the *Sun:* "If I had to make a prediction, I'd say it's all over but the shouting. But I'm afraid the County will spend another $50,000 and six months before admitting they were wrong."

Hanging in the balance is funding for such projects as a new County hospital, new and improved County library services, a Highway 101 bypass at Prunedale, $20 million for mass transit and the proposed extension of the four-lane portion of Carmel Valley Road from Via Petra to Robinson Canyon Road.

Blankenship acknowledged that the high court ruling in the San Diego County case was based on legal issues identical to those raised by the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association's challenge to Measure B's approval in 1989.

Approved by a five-vote margin out of some 42,000 cast, Measure B would raise the County sales tax by one-half a cent for 20 years to finance a variety of special projects. As they did in San Diego, opponents claimed the Monterey increase required approval by two-thirds of the voters, not a simple majority, under provisions of Propositions 13 and 62.

On a 5-2 vote, the high court justices agreed with that contention on Dec. 19 in deciding the San Diego County case.

But Blankenship contended enough differences in circumstances existed to give him hope that the appeals court would uphold Monterey County's creation of a Public Repair and Improvement Project Authority and the tax to fund it through Measure B.

The main distinction, he said, was the history of the two measures. In the San Diego case, officials first tried to win two-thirds approval for a special tax to raise $1.6 billion to fund local courts and jails. When that vote failed, San Diego County officials sought simple majority approval under special measures approved by the legislature.

"In Monterey County, we have no history of ever conceding that this was a 'special tax,'" Blankenship told the *Sun*. The County has maintained that Measure B was not a special tax, but rather special funding intended to cover about two dozen different spending projects.

He also said the high court's ruling did not make it clear whether the justices meant for it to be retroactive. Since the Monterey tax was on the ballot more than a year after the one in San Diego County, the ruling might not apply to the local tax, he said.

In its 20-year life, Measure B was projected to raise some $355 million, and $25.6 million of that was specifically earmarked for the additional four-laning of Carmel Valley Road, Blankenship said.

The half-cent increase authorized by Measure B went into effect April 1, 1990, and has brought in some $24 million since then. The money has been held in escrow pending a final court ruling. "Since we have a large tourist industry, a lot of that has been paid by non-residents," Blankenship noted.

Strasser Kauffman said she did not think the question of the legality of Measure B would be decided this year. But Blankenship said the appeals court could rule in the Monterey County case as early as September.

If it should find the increase illegal, he said it probably would remand the case back to Superior Court to determine what should be done with the money that has been collected.

While still holding out hope for the Monterey tax, Blankenship acknowledged that the Supreme Court's ruling sent out "a chilling, dampening effect" on all efforts to raise taxes by a simple majority vote under provisions approved by the legislature. Assemblyman Sam Farr, D-Carmel, championed the legislation under which the County sought the additional half-cent tax.

Pasquinelli expressed elation at the ruling in the San Diego case, but he also said he greeted the ruling "with a tinge of sadness. It's too bad when private citizens have to sue their elected officials to get them to follow the Constitution and the law."

Postmaster General Will Step Down: Grace

Postmaster General Anthony T. Frank will resign his position Jan. 6, according to his close friend, Mayor Jean Grace of Carmel.

"Tony stopped by on his way to spend the Christmas vacation with his family at Idlewilde," Grace said. "We chatted about my decision not to run for re-election and he told me he will announce Jan. 6 that he will step down as postmaster general."

Grace and Frank's families were friends in Hollywood and they have remained in close touch ever since. He accepted her invitation to preside at Carmel's 75th anniversary ceremonies Sept. 27 when special commemorative envelopes were issued.

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SHERIFF'S LOG

MID VALLEY. A Valley man said someone took his wallet from his van on 12/13 and by 12/16 his credit cards already had been used to purchase more than $2,000 worth of merchandise in Monterey. 12/16.

MID VALLEY. An employee of Carmel Valley Manor reported a burglary at a resident's unit on 12/13 in which a wallet and cash were taken. 12/16.

VILLAGE. A resident on Laguna Robles reported noises on his rear deck; deputies said they suspected raccoons. 12/16.

BIG SUR. A Big Sur man was arrested at Ventana Inn for possession of cocaine. 12/17.

Barbecue Sauce Stolen

CARMEL. A man reported the theft of 24 bottles of barbecue sauce from his unlocked van outside his home on Mesa Drive over night. 12/18.

EAST VALLEY. A man reported two men cutting wood on Rana Creek Ranch; investigation showed them to be the brother-in-law of the manager and a friend. 12/18.

CARMEL RANCHO. A Salinas woman reported she thought she left her wallet at Thunderbird Bookstore in the Barnyard. 12/18.

RIO ROAD. The manager of the Crossroads Shopping Center reported a former tenant returned and used Crazy Glue to attach a sign to the window advising patrons of the business's new address; he said the window might have to be replaced if the glue wouldn't come off. 12/19.

Mailed Checks Stolen

CARMEL. A woman reported the theft of two boxes of bank checks from her mailbox around 12/5; she said no one had tried to use them. 12/19.

CARMEL. An official at the high school said he had two youths in custody for having a pipe with marijuana in it in their possession; he asked a deputy to talk to them, but did not want them prosecuted. 12/19.

CARMEL MEADOWS. A man said a sleeping bag and a pair of sunglasses were taken from his unlocked vehicle outside his Ribera Road home over night. 12/20.

CARMEL MEADOWS. A woman who lives on Ribera Road said someone entered her vehicle and took about $3 in small change. 12/20.

CARMEL. A woman said carpentry tools were stolen from a utility box on her husband's truck while it was parked outside their Mesa Drive home. 12/20.

CARMEL MEADOWS. A man who lives on Ribera Road reported a cellular telephone handset was stolen from his vehicle. 12/20.

SOUTH COAST. A Watsonville man said his vehicle was damaged by rocks while it was parked alongside Highway 1 south of Rocky Point Restaurant. 12/20.

Barking Dogs Complaint

VILLAGE. A woman complained about loud barking dogs on Live Oak Lane. 12/20.

MID VALLEY. A man and woman from Carmel Valley, found sitting in a car on Robinson Canyon Road, were found to have been drinking; with permission, deputies conducted a search and found two marijuana cigarettes in the woman's makeup case. 12/20.

VILLAGE. A woman complain again about barking dogs on Live Oak Lane. 12/21.

RIO ROAD. A Carmel woman complained a car hit a shopping cart in the parking lot at the Crossroads and knocked it into her car. 12/22.

VILLAGE. A man reported continuing problems with barking dogs on Live Oak Lane. 12/22.

VILLAGE. A woman reported the theft of her checkbook. 12/23.

CACHAGUA. A man who lives at Mid Valley reported a trailer and storage shed had been burglarized on property he owns in Cachagua. 12/23.

Bike Found at Rosie's

VILLAGE. A woman reported finding a black boy's bicycle in the river under Rosie's Bridge. 12/23.

CARMEL RANCHO. The bookkeeper at Albertsons reported the theft of her wallet while she was at work. 12/23.

CACHAGUA. A woman reported a burglary. 12/24.

RIO ROAD. A San Francisco woman reported her purse had been taken from her car while it was parked at the Crossroads; it later was found at Rio Grill and returned to her. 12/24.

BIG SUR. Steve Galley, 35, Gardena, Calif., was rescued and taken to Community Hospital for treatment of his injuries after his pickup plunged 300 feet down a cliff at Partington Ridge and Highway 1. Taking part in the rescue were the sheriff's emergency team, the CHP, State Park rangers, the Big Sur Fire Brigade and the Regional Ambulance. 12/24.

Noisy Dogs Draw Ire

VILLAGE. Neighbors complained about barking dogs on Live Oak Lane. 12/25.

CACHAGUA. A woman reported her daughter had been molested; deputies sought the woman's husband for questioning. 12/25.

BIG SUR. A Carmel Valley man reported two cameras and two sweaters were stolen from his car while it was parked at the El Sur Ranch. 12/25.

VILLAGE. A resident of Boronda Road reported finding checks near Boronda Bridge which had been taken from garbage cans where they had been left as Christmas presents. 12/25.

Grinch Steals Presents

VILLAGE. The owner of Oak Leaves Studio reported the theft of Christmas presents from his storage room. 12/25.

RIO ROAD. The owner of Crossroads Cafe reported a woman whom he had just fired was causing a disturbance. 12/26.

VILLAGE. A woman complained about barking dogs on Live Oak Lane. 12/26.

CARMEL. Two men reported their vehicles had been broken into while parked at Carmel High School. 12/26.

SOUTH COAST. A man who lives on Riley Ranch Road reported he lost his wallet and passport near his residence. 12/29.

VILLAGE. A man who lives of Phelps Way reported continuing problems with barking dogs on Live Oak Lane; investigating deputies said they could find no barking dogs. 12/29.

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City Council Plans Weekly Hearings During January

The Carmel City Council will meet weekly during January in a series of special meetings on reports from two of the committees it created last year to study such pressing issues as zoning and on how the city is prepared for fire.

Residents who served on some of the committees which turned in their reports earlier this year—such as the Ad Hoc Parking Committee and the Landlord-Tenant Committee—had complained recently that they got short shrift from the council.

At the first session of the year on Jan. 7, the council will formally receive the long-pending report on the commercial zoning study by the Planning Commission and will set a study session for 4 p.m. on Jan. 28. (See separate story on pages 12 and 13).

The council also planned to receive a report from the 2016, or so-called "Dream Committee," that was given the task of trying to foresee what the city will be like when it turns 100. A joint session with the committee was scheduled for 4 p.m. on Jan. 16.

On Jan. 21, the council will hold a special meeting at 3:30 p.m. on the status of the city's preparedness for urban fire such as that which devastated the Oakland area last year.

Also on the agenda Jan. 7 are three appeals from Planning Commission decisions including one by Constance Laub who wants a conditional use permit for a jewelry store with an ancillary use of art at her building on the southeast corner of Ocean Avenue and Lincoln.

Her application failed 4-1 on a technical denial when Planning Commission Chairman Carla Ramsey and Commissioner Jack Kennedy both stepped down and Vice Chairman Stephen Poohar voted no.

A public hearing is scheduled on city proposals to set fees for such appeals which currently are free and for other fees regarding planning applications.

Minor amendments to the city's Policy regarding sexual harassment also are on the agenda along with several ordinances. First reading is scheduled on an ordinance regulating the cutting of all trees greater than six inches in diameter on private property and second reading will be given to an ordinance banning fires on Carmel Beach north of the extension of the center line of Tenth Avenue.

The council will consider two resolutions, one that would change short-term parking on Junipero Avenue on the east side of Devendorf Park to hourly parking and one that would allocate all the space for additional tour bus parking which currently is limited to the area of Junipero on the east side of Carmel Plaza.

Fire Destroys Cachagua Home; Volunteers Credited with Averting Wildlands Blaze

Fire destroyed a home in a remote area of Cachagua Thursday, and only quick action by the Cachagua Volunteer Fire Company may have kept it from sparking a major wildland blaze.

Battalion Chief George Haines of the California Department of Forestry (CDF) said a 1,900-square-foot home on Sage Mountain Road occupied by Brad Otis was completely burned by the time Cachagua Volunteers reached the scene. They immediately turned their attention to controlling a brush fire which charred about an acre before they brought it under control, he added.

Otis estimated the loss at about $300,000 including contents. Both Otis and Haines said the cause of the blaze still was under investigation. No one was home at the time of the midday blaze, and there were no injuries, Haines said.

"This has been the worst year of my life," Otis told the *Sun*, explaining he and his wife were separated and in the midst of a divorce. "I don't know what could have caused it. It might have been the refrigerator; I had been having trouble with the defrost cycle, but I don't know."

Kay Grant, Cachagua area coordinator for the American Red Cross, said she believed a major wildlands fire could have resulted if the volunteers had not brought the brush fire in check quickly.

"It was still awfully dry out there," Haines agreed, "and it was another excellent job by the Cachagua Volunteers."

Haines said the Cachagua Company responded to the blaze with three engines and about 15 volunteer firemen. The CDF sent two engines, a hand crew, an investigator and a battalion chief. The Carmel Valley Fire Department, responding to a request for mutual aid, dispatched a tender, he said.

Haines said the fire was discovered by Mike Webber, a Salinas contractor who was working on a job about a half mile away and over a ridge. At first, he saw white smoke and figured someone was burning brush, Haines said, but being a former firefighter himself, investigated when he noticed the smoke turning black.

"It had probably been burning some time before anybody noticed," Haines said.

Otis lost everything in the blaze, and Grant said the Red Cross provided emergency assistance to help him buy some clothes and food. After the fire, he was staying with his brother, Scott, a contractor who lives in Carmel.

"I understand the Sky Ranch Association is trying to raise some money to help me out," Otis said. "I don't know what's going to happen."

Otis said he had essentially built the home himself and had lived in it for four years.

Mrs. Field's Cookies Put on Notice by City

The City of Carmel has put Mrs. Field's Cookies on notice for violating city rules and regulations by offering samples on the public right-of-way outside the Ocean Avenue store.

"They have a shopping mall approach to big banners and sampling cookies that doesn't fit in with Carmel's rules and regulations," said Code Compliance Coordinator Molly Erickson of the Planning Department.

"The problem is the high staff turnover," she said. "They've had three managers in a year."

Erickson said she gave the current manager a copy of the Use Permit after she said she had never been informed of any restrictions or problems. Erickson also put the manager on notice to stop the illegal practices or face a Building Department citation.

City Administrator Doug Schmitz advised the City Council of the problem in his Dec. 20 news letter, adding that the firm's main office in Park City, Utah, also has been advised of the ongoing violations.

Erickson said no commercial activity is allowed in Carmel in the public domain and all business must stay within their four walls unless they obtain special dispensation.

Carmel Accepts Xmas Trees

The Carmel Department of Forest and Beach will accept "used" Christmas trees for recycling into wood chips for use in the city's parks.

Call 624-3543 if you have a tree to dispose of. Such trees must be free of all ornaments, tin foil and nails, and placed at curbside by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. The trees will be picked up by volunteers with Friends of the Carmel Forest and taken to Mission Trails Park for mulching, the department said.

Valley's Hunsicker Named To County Water Agency

By Carolyn Rice

Bob Hunsicker, a Carmel Valley resident and retired manufacturing executive, has been appointed to the new Monterey County Water Resources Agency by Fifth District Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman.

The agency will begin its task by holding day-long, public meetings on the second and fourth Mondays which will continue "until we feel we've been brought up to speed on all the problems," Hunsicker said.

He added he expected the sessions to go on for two or three months. "There's a tremendous amount of information to be covered," he said. "We all have a lot to learn."

Hunsicker said he became interested in water issues when he moved to the area three years ago. He has frequently attended Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and Salinas Valley water meetings, he said.

"We're only beginning to realize the scope of the water problem," he said. He predicted water will be one of the main issues in the future "and not just in this area. It's a worldwide problem."

The newly formed board, which has nine members, grew out of and replaces the Monterey Flood Control District. It will oversee County water and flood policies except for the areas governed by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and the Pajaro Water District.

At its first meeting Dec. 19, the board elected Granville Perkins, a retired artichoke executive from North County, as its chairman. Lawrence Porter, a South County agribusinessman, was elected vice chairman.

A retired manufacturing executive who moved to the Central Coast from Connecticut, Hunsicker said he would describe himself "as a concerned citizen who feels the environment is important." He is a member of the Sierra Club, Salvation Army and Planned Parenthood.

Hunsicker said, "I feel all of the board members will have to keep an open mind to judge what is best for all of the people. Nothing will be simple."

He noted that many different state and federal agencies have control over various aspects of the water supply. "You can't count on anything until all the papers are signed and sealed."

Conservation is one area Hunsicker looks for the board to work on diligently. "The people on the peninsula are to be commended for the job they've done in conservation," he said.

The board will also try to develop new water supplies, Hunsicker said, and tackle the Salinas Valley seawater intrusion problem.

Lauran Howard, assistant general manager of agency, said in the last 45 years sea water has traveled four miles inland towards Salinas in an underground aquifer. That amounts to an average of 500 feet a year in the 180 foot-deep aquifer, he said, adding the sea water is now three miles from Salinas. The figures are different for a separate aquifer 400 feet under the Salinas Valley, he said.

The Salinas Valley overdrafted its water supply by 150,000 acre-feet in 1991 and 300,000 acre-feet the year before, Howard said. The annual deficits added up to 600,000 acre feet during the past five years. The seawater intrusion has moved at a rate of about 1,000 feet in the years between 1985 and 1990, Howard said.

The new board has signed an agreement with the Monterey Peninsula Water District and the Pajaro Water District which states that those two districts will make policy for their areas and will not be assessed for water projects in other areas of the county.

The newly formed board will set policy in the remainder of the County and report back to the Board of Supervisors which has the final authority for approving policy and budgets for the new agency.

"They just did not have the time to delve into the problems," Hunsicker said of the Board of Supervisors. The Water Resources Agency also is involved with a myriad of other matters such as rainmaking, nitrate leaching, well sampling, and waste water reclamation.

Others appointed to the new board are Rick Antle, a Salinas vegetable company executive; Arvid Myhre, a San Ardo walnut grower; Phyllis Price Meurer, Salinas City Councilwoman; and Roy Morris, Greenfield mayor.

Also on the board is Hugh Taylor, of Pebble Beach. Taylor retired to this area six years ago after living in Berkeley for 20 years where he worked for the U.S. Economic Development Administrations. He said he worked on financing water and many other projects from Ventura to the Oregon border during those years.

A final position on the board will be filled by First District Supervisor Marc Del Piero.

County Okays New Station on Rio Road

The Planning Commission approved plans for a new service station on Rio Road at the site of a former Arco station after hearing assurances that the County was satisfied with the cleanup of underground contamination from leaked gasoline.

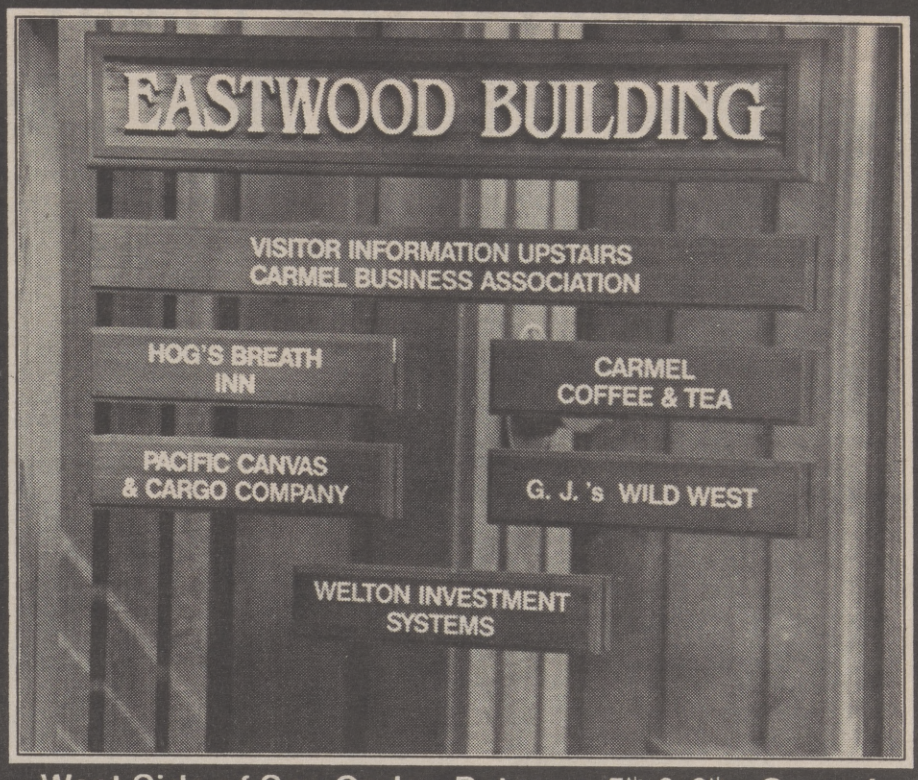
The vote was 5-2 despite the appearance of some 20 residents from a nearby condominium complex whose representatives opposed granting the permit on the grounds the station would create noise, smell and potential crime.

Voting against the application by Carmel Properties Co. were commissioners Jo Stallard and Mo Orrett. The action was taken Dec. 18.

The application had been held up for months pending word from the County Environmental Health Department that it was satisfied with the cleanup from gasoline spilled from underground tanks in the past.

Originally, Carmel Properties had sought a permit that included a mini-car wash and permission to sell liquor out of a mini-mart at the station.

The company subsequently withdrew its request for permission to operate a car wash at the site. As granted the permit will allow the new station operator to operate a mini-mart, but liquor sales will not be permitted from it.



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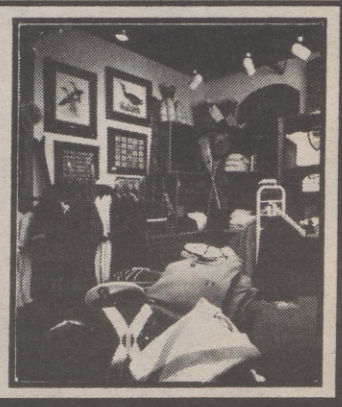
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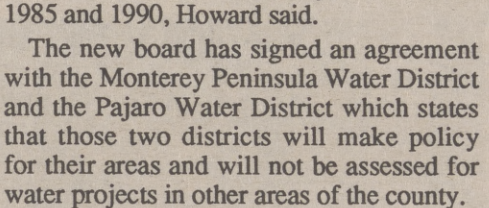


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Area Children Get Ready for A Clown Show Jan. 3





CHRISTMAS CAMPERS learned how to be clowns but it was evident Jerry Pullen, Recreation Director of Carmel-by-the-Sea, shown above and in bottom photo, was having just as much fun as the children. They came from a wide range of area schools to attend the holiday camp and will stage a clown show Saturday to show their parents what they learned.

Sun photos by Isabelle Hall

Local Children Learn to be Clowns

The highlight of the Carmel-by-the-Sea Recreation Department's Holiday Camp will take place on Friday when the 31 young campers from area schools stage a clown show at Vista Lobos.

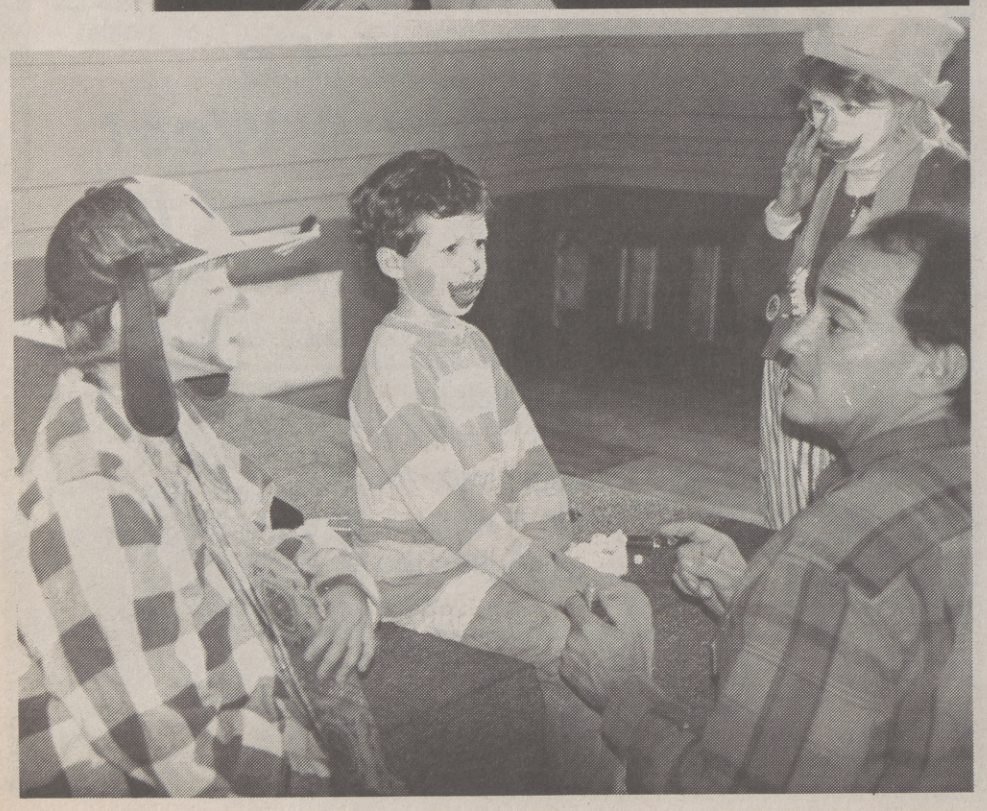
Director Jerry Pullen said children had enrolled in the $70, two-week camp sessions from Tularcitos, River School, Junipero Serra, All Saints, Robert Louis Stevenson, Forest Grove and Carmelo Pre-School.

In addition to learning how to be a clown, the campers were taken on a nature walk to Forest Hill Park to gather items for an arts and crafts project, took dancing and art classes, toured the Carmel Fire and Police Departments and took a field trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. The youngsters also got to plant a tree with City Forester Gary Kelly and had their own barbeque.

The Clown Circus for Kids Show will be held at Vista Lobos Community Room from 2 to 3:15 p.m. on Friday.









Another El Nino? Too Early to Say, Says Renard

Continued from front page

Carmel Valley during Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Rainfall during that period totalled 3.12 inches in Carmel Valley Village, 4.25 inches in Carmel Highlands, 2.95 inches in Monterey and 5.7 inches at Los Padres dam on the Carmel River. At the Carmel Fire station, 3.56 inches were recorded. It was John Anderson, who lives in the Jamesburg area of the upper Valley who reported the fullest rain gauge, with 6.5 inches.

At the water management district, Darby Fuerst, water resources manager, called it "a good rain—fairly low intensity so that most of it soaked into the ground."

Fuerst said although runoff was limited, San Clemente dam was full at 316 acre-feet and that 548 acre-feet were added to storage at Los Padres reservoir. Out of its capacity of 2,180 acre-feet, Los Padres had 1,360 in storage after the weekend rains.

"Nobody expected that much rain. It turned out stronger than anticipated, it hit the Central Coast directly and it moved slowly," said Renard, retired head of the Navy Postgraduate School meteorology department.

Renard, who is also volunteer weather observer in Monterey for the National Weather Service, said the 2.12 inches of rain that Monterey received in the 24-hour period ending at 6 p.m. Sunday was only the eighth time in 40 years that a storm had dropped more than 2 inches within 24 hours.

In six of the previous times that this has happened, the year has turned out to be wetter than normal, Renard told the *Sun*.

He added that the pattern of the storms was similar to the rains the area received in 1982-1983 when it recorded record rainfall spawned by an El Nino, a warming in the eastern Pacific which moves up from the coast of South America to off the coast of California.

"Is it another El Nino?" asked Renard, who has a habit of raising rhetorical questions and then answering them. "Well, it's too early to say."

Renard has said there is some evidence an El Nino is forming, but he has cautioned that a weak El Nino can mean below normal rainfall for the Central Coast, while heavier than normal rain is usually associated with a strong El Nino.

With the heavy downpours Sunday morning, the Carmel River, which has been essentially dry past Rosie's Bridge for the past several months, flowed past Carmel Valley Ranch Resort before beginning to recede. Some city streets in Carmel were temporarily flooded during the heavy downpours.

Based on records and readings by Graham Matthews, volunteer weather observer in the Village, the storms left the 1991-1992 rain year just slightly below normal for the date. As of Dec. 30, Matthews had measured 5.07 inches of rain this year, compared to just 3.06 last year and a normal for the date of 5.80.



IT WAS LOVELY WEATHER FOR DUCKS enjoying the Carmel River Lagoon Sunday morning during one of the hard downpours that brought some of the heaviest rain in years to the area. The water level in the lagoon rose as runoff from streets, roads and parking lots poured into the river. Some brief, minor flooding of intersections occurred in Carmel, but except for the closing of Highway 1 south of Big Sur by mudslides, the storms caused little serious damage or inconvenience. The photo was taken from the Carmel River Beach parking lot looking toward Mission Ranch. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

In the area, the rain year runs from July 1 to June 30. Average annual rainfall in Carmel Valley Village is about 18 inches, but for the past five years, the region, along with much of the rest of the state, has received below normal moisture.

At one point on Sunday morning, Renard said his automated measuring equipment recorded rain falling at the rate of 4 inches an hour. "That's heavy rain. Of course, we did not sustain that rate," he said.

Art Black of the Carmel Fire Department said the city suffered some broken limbs, downed power lines and minor flooding. But he added, "We've had far less rain that has caused a lot more trouble."

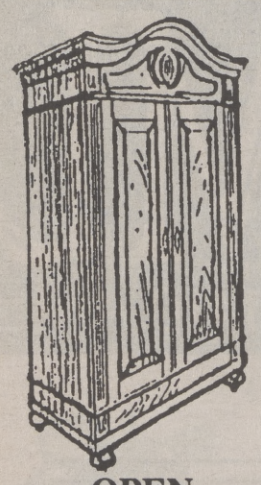
Mud and rock slides closed Highway 1 south of Big Sur for about 24 hours. Caltrans said the route was reopened about 9:30 a.m. Monday by crews who worked all night. The major blockage was south of Lucia at Limekiln Creek, but smaller slides left the roadway covered with mud and rocks at several other locations.

Fuerst said the rains caused Tularcitos, Robinson and San Clemente creeks to run in Carmel Valley, pouring water into the river, but Garzas, Protero and Hitchcock creeks didn't run.

Looking ahead to the possibility of additional rainfall, he said the key to recharging the aquifer underlying the Carmel River depends on "good consecutive rainstorms—back-to-back ones." The aquifer provides most of the water for the peninsula, and water management district officials said they would soon be taking new measurements to see how much water it contains.

C. V. Library Friends Meet Jan. 7

Friends of the Carmel Valley Library will hold a general membership meeting at 5 p.m. Jan. 7 to vote on amendments to the group's by-laws and increase membership dues. The meeting will be at the Valley library branch on Carmel Valley Road in the Village.



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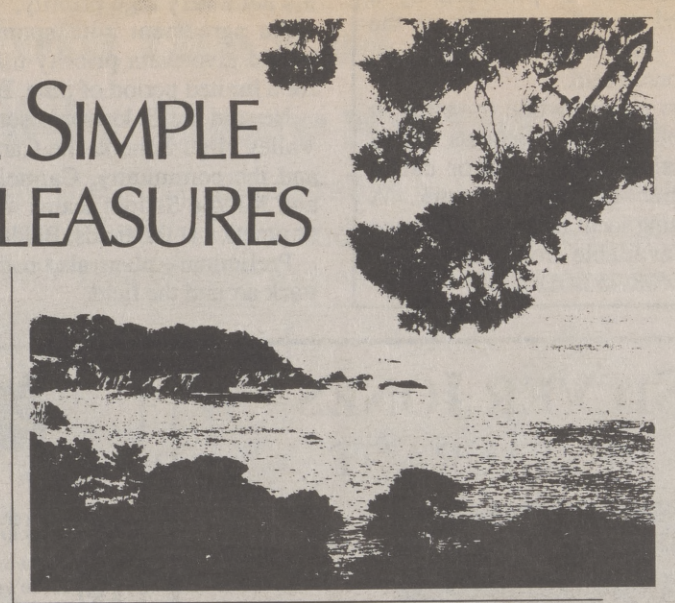
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Whale-Watching Activity Steps Up

It's whale-watching time again along the Central Coast.

"Mid-January is the height of the gray whale migratory season, when they can be observed passing peninsula shores on their way to Baja California lagoons," said the American Cetacean Society.

The state Department of Parks and Recreation offers a number of opportunities for residents and visitors alike to catch a glimpse of some of the passing California Gray Whales headed south for the calving season.

They include:

- Garrapata State Park, off of Highway 1 about 10 miles south of Carmel at the California Fish & Game lab, marked by Whale Watch signs. At 10 a.m. every Saturday in January, a park ranger will be available to help spot whales and answer questions about them.
- Julia Pfeifer Burns State Park, Big Sur. Visitors can pace off exactly how big a grey whale is along a whale outline painted on the pavement. At 10 a.m. every Sunday in January, park rangers will be on duty here.
- Point Sur State Historic Park, about 20 miles south of Carmel off Highway 1. Tours will be conducted on Sundays during January, February and March by a member of the Monterey Chapter of the American Cetacean Society. The tour requires walking up the Point Sur rock, but it provides a good place to catch sight of migrating whales.

For more information about any of the Parks Department programs, telephone 625-4419, and rangers remind you not to forget your binoculars or spotting scopes if you decided to take advantage of one of them.

In addition, a whale-watching cruise will be held Sunday, Jan. 12 to benefit the Cetacean Society. Boarding will be at 6:45 a.m. at Monterey Sport Fishing at Fisherman's Wharf. Tax-deductable donations are $16 for adults and $8 for children under 12 with proceeds going to the Cetacean Society Scholarship Fund.

A naturalist will be aboard the ship to answer questions and point out marine and bird life. For more information about the cruise, telephone 375-5931, or send your check to the American Cetacean Society, Box HE, Pacific Grove 93950.



TAKING NUMBERS to see who gets the next free bike are youngsters at the Center for Community Advocacy, a Salinas agency that works with migrant farm workers. Holding the box is Vanessa Vallerta, director of the agency which received 40 bikes from Paul Laub of Carmel Valley. Laub collected and repaired more than 150 bikes to distribute to needy children at Christmas.

Caltrans Provides Road Condition Info by Telephone

Caltrans is offering 24-hour highway condition information over the telephone.

Teri Conrad, public affairs officer for the fifth district, said callers from the Central Coast could telephone 805-543-9544 for information on major highways in Southern California and 408-757-2006 for information on Northern California routes.

The information is provided by a computerized recording system on the California Highway Information Network, Conrad said.

To use the system while traveling in other parts of the state, motorists should tune to local radio stations or call a local number for the network. A brochure listing local network telephone numbers is available from Caltrans by telephoning 408-753-0187.

New Carmelo Sports Fields Considered

The Carmel Unified School District hopes to unite with the Carmel Valley Little League and Monarch Youth Soccer League in a $30,000 project to provide baseball and soccer fields on land behind Carmelo school at mid Valley.

School Superintendent Vance Baldwin told the school board the district had spent $1,800 on plans for the fields and would get word out to nearby neighbors. "For the last 10 years, they've had peace and serenity," Baldwin said.

He called the project a community/school cooperative effort and estimated it would cost in the neighborhood of $30,000. "If we can get sponsors, we can do it. If not, it's not a very high priority," he said.

An agreement with sponsoring groups would give them priority use of the fields for a limited period of time, Baldwin said.

He said the field would serve the Carmel Valley High School, the Carmelo day care and the community. Carmel High School and Middle School teams might also play or practice at the fields, Baldwin said.

Preliminary plans also call for a jogging track around the field.

Eaton to Speak to Garden Club

Mark Eaton, a partner in Carmel Valley Begonia Gardens Nursery and the *Sun's* gardening columnist, will speak to the Carmel Valley Garden Association meeting Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Dunstan's Church on Robinson Canyon Road. He will discuss rose pruning, new rose varieties and the hybrids that are available.

Mens Garden Club Names Officers

Tony Ayres of Pacific Grove was elected president of the Mens Garden Club of Monterey Peninsula during a year-end meeting at Rancho Cañada Golf Club Dec. 10.

Dr. George Kellog of Monterey was named vice president, Bryan Whitehead of Carmel, secretary and Nelms Finch of Carmel, Treasurer. Mrs. Lynn Neeson of Carmel Valley was given the Gardener of the Year Award.

State Parks Budget Cuts Force Closings

The $30.2 million budget cut in the State Department of Parks and Recration budget forced partial closure of historic adobes operated by the Monterey State Historic Park system effective Jan. 1.

The Custom House and Pacific House will be open Wednesday through Sunday; Cooper-Molera, Thursday through Sunday; and Larkin House, Stevenson House ane Casa Soberanes, Saturdays and Sundays only.

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All the Jazz on the Central Coast

With Doris Day in Lead, $30,000 Given to SPCA for Neutering

By Carolyn Rice

A teary-eyed Doris Day gave $10,000 to the Society For Prevention of Cruelty For Animals to neuter Monterey peninsula area dogs and cats during the coming month at no charge to the owners—a contribution that was matched by two other donors.

The $30,000 will provide funding for between 800 and 900 cats and dogs to be spayed or neutered, said SPCA executive director Lynn Phalan. The SPCA will schedule pets for a free appointment if the owner calls and asks to be included in the Doris Day program.

The local SPCA spayed or neutered 4,400 animals last year, Phalan said.

At a news conference Dec. 19, Mrs. Herbert Berman, matched Day's grant with $10,000 from the Barnet and Segal Trust. An anonymous donor also gave $10,000, it was announced.

Dressed in blue jeans, a white Martha's Vineyard sweatshirt, and brown suede boots, Day talked in a tremulous voice at the beginning of the news conference and apologized for being overcome with emotion.

"I've always loved animals," Day said. "We have to start treating the cause," she said referring to all the unwated animals that must be killed.

Also on hand for the event were a number local and state politicians and local dignitaries including State Sen. Henry Mello, County Supervisors Sam Karas and Karin Strasser Kauffman and Assemblyman Sam Farr

Day, an attractive blond is famous for the 39 movies she made between 1948 and 1968, said she first became involved in animal advocacy organizations in 1968. A Carmel Valley resident, Day personally cares for and places many homeless animals with adoptive families.

"It's spiritual work for me," she said.

"Between 12 and 15 million dogs and cats are euthanized each year simply because there are not enough homes for them," Day said.

She said she gets about 50 calls a day from people who no longer want a pet.

Day said she visits the home of adoptive families before giving them an animal. "We spend a lot of time with them. You can spend an hour," she said. "I get a feeling about people," Day said. She says she can tell when the people see a dog or cat whether the match will work.

"I watch the children. How they behave is terribly important."

Day said it costs about $250 a month to board one medium sized-dog while trying to find a home for it.

The reason she is so picky about adoptive families, Day said is the animals "only end up at the SPCA if it isn't a good home."

Day forgot to bring her glasses to the press conference so she borrowed a pair from Ed Haber, Quail Lodge owner, to read her opening statement. Haber said of Day "to find a home for a dog 'makes her day,' literally."

Each household in Monterey county would have to adopt 20 dogs to accommodate all the unwanted animals which will be born by 2000, according Phalan.

Jane Macaffrey, a SPCA employee who euthanizes the animals said, "I would like to thank Miss Day personally. I have killed thousands of animals. I don't like doing it." She said Day's donation put her one day closer to not having to do her job."

Last year, the SPCA received 8,700 animals and had to euthanize 5,200 of them when homes couldn't be found, according to Phalan. She said 2,100 animals were placed in adoptive homes. The remainder of the 8,700 were returned to owners or were euthanized at the request of owners due to illness or other problems, Phalan said.

In the past five months, the SPCA has received 390 purebred dogs, Phalan said, with Golden Retrievers, German shepherds and Labradors heading the list. Of these, 190 were put to sleep.

People may spend a lot of money on a purebred dog and hope to regain some of the expense by breeding it, Phalan said, but frequently they can not sell the pups.

The number one reason people turn in animals is they are moving, Phalan said.

If someone would like to use their personal veterinarian for neutering under the Doris Day program, the SPCA will issue a check to that veterinarian for the amount the procedure costs at the SPCA, Phalan said.

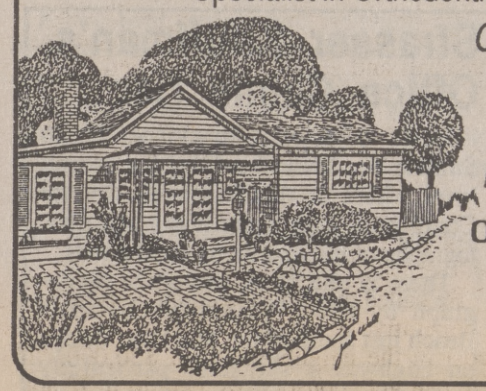
The SPCA charges $40 for a female dog, $35 for a male dog, $30 for a female cat, and $20 for a male cat.

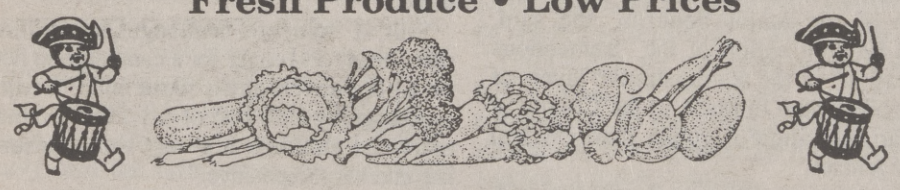
Strasser Kauffman said she saw Day one time in a local grocery store with her shopping cart loaded with squash. Strasser Kauffman asked her if the squash were particularly good or what? Day replied, "If you feed your dog healthy food they will live to be at least 21."

Strasser Kauffman praised Day's animal advocacy efforts saying, "government can never take the place of individual initiative."

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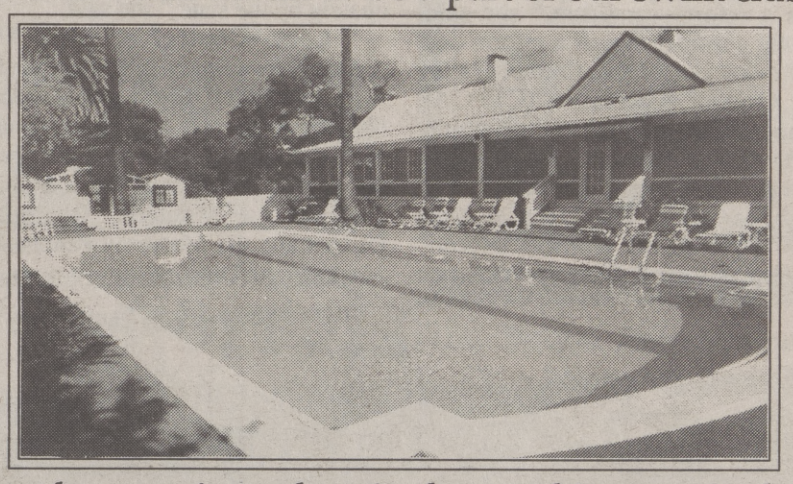
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Carmel Valley Supervisor Will Chair the Board

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manship position, the job also means there will be many more demands on her time and fewer hours to campaign in her 723-square mile district which runs from San Luis Obispo County to Fort Ord and generally west of the coastal range ridge line.

No Opponent Yet

She kicked off her campaign with a 50th birthday party fund-raiser last month. Thus far, there are reports of various interests urging Carmel Mayor Jean Grace and retired Carmel School Superintendent Robert Infelise to oppose her, but no one has accepted the challenge thus far.

A whirlwind of energy, the vivacious, slender brunette probably would be tough to beat given the perception that she is everywhere at once in her sprawling district. She may chair a meeting in Big Sur in the morning, attend a picnic at the new Cachagua Community Park that evening or cut the ribbon for a new county road in Carmel Highlands enroute between the two.

"I love it," she enthused. "The best part of my job is being out with the people. It is the most rewarding. I see the local level of government as having more hope for success than the insurmountable problems at the federal and state level."

She said she has been approached by Democrats and Republican central committees alike to consider state or federal office, but at this stage of her life with two teenage boys still in school, she is not interested in such jobs. She also won't say whether she is a Republican or a Democrat because she considers the board of supervisors "nonpartisan," a job where "politics don't play a part."

The best part of her $57,456-a-year job is that she can be at her Carmel Valley home about four or five evenings out of seven with her radiologist husband, Richard, and sons, Sasha, 17, and Eric, 15.

Doesn't Want to Commute—Yet

"I don't have to commute to Sacramento or Washington," she explained. "I can see the effects of my work."

She is proud of being "only the second woman in Monterey County history to sit on the Board of Supervisors." Second District Supervisor Barbara Shipnuck was the first.

When she first ran for the fifth district post, the job was considered a stepping stone to higher office. Incumbents generally went on up the state or federal ladder.

"I was a reform candidate," she said. "And, I still consider myself a reform candidate. I came out of the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA), the Alliance on Aging, out of community affairs. In public hearings, I also throw myself to the other side of the mike."

Though her roots are based in local politics—"I get all my political information shopping at Safeway"—Strasser Kauffman firmly believes that regional government is the only way to go, and she thinks it can be done in 1992.

Supports Regional Government

"If we don't act locally, it will be done to us," she believes. "Gov. Wilson is expected to make it a key plank in his New Year's message...Four bills are pending in the legislature dealing with regional government.

"We're being inundated in California and in Monterey County by the growth in population," she said. "Two thousand people a day, some of them coming to Monterey County. It puts a tremendous pressure on government. They are untrained, unskilled people rather than professional and technical workers and dependent on local government for its services. We need to be prepared for that.

"We need to continue to hold the line on the Monterey Peninsula," Strasser Kauffman declared. "Some of our resources are exhausted...It has to be our top priority if we want to keep our quality of life, and that is the ultimate rationale of government."

Strasser Kauffman was one of just three county supervisors in the state asked to testify recently in Sacramento on regional governance and growth management. She said the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), which includes representatives from all 12 cities in the County, is presently "the closest thing" to the type of regional government that would be established.

"I would like to see AMBAG expanded with more authority and funded more adequately by the state," she said.

Local Control of Land Use

Asked how such a government would work, she said it would include representatives of every city and county and all the special districts within each county such as the Monterey Regional Waste Management District, the Monterey Regional Park District and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

Asked if this would not take government out of local hands, she said, "We'd have to insist on maintaining local control especially in the area of land use. Otherwise I can see outside campaign finances dominating the scene. Development pressures are immense."

Asked what she meant about "outside" campaign money, she said, "We have to maintain it (government) close to home. We need neighborhood scrutiny. It's the only way to fight the dollar pressures...Votes will out-perform dollars if you have an informed public."

In any form of regional government, she envisions, "The cities will still have authority on land use planning. We need to keep it as close to home as possible. We don't need more government, we need less."

Avoiding Administrative Overlap

One of the major benefits, she said, would be elimination of the "tremendous duplication" in the administrative layers of government now in place in the County in the various single-purpose districts and other agencies.

As to housing, Strasser Kauffman said, "The market is never going to build affordable housing. There is a ready profit in expensive housing, and I respect that, but what the community needs is middle income housing for the working population."

Using the example of Carmel Valley, which she described as a "good livable community," she said, "The only way to ensure that we'll still have that in 20 years is to insist that affordable housing gets built."

Turning to the water problems created by five years of drought, the supervisor who also is a director of the water management district said she sees the proposed new Los Padres dam as "the only real solution which would give us water for very limited growth and a reserve and let us restore the Carmel Valley River."

Sits on Many Boards

Strasser Kauffman knows first-hand about all the agencies that presently make up local government. In her supervisor's position, she serves on board subcommittees on Affirmative Action and Finance and Capital Improvements. In addition to serving on the water management district, she is chair of the Monterey-Salinas-Transit District and of the Big Sur Multi Agency Council. She serves on AMBAG, the Congestion Management Agency, the Monterey Pensinsula Water Pollution Board and is appointed to the National Committee on Physical Resources and a State Committee on Growth Management.

In trying to list all the boards she serves on, Strasser Kauffman temporarily forgot to include the Outer Continental Shelf Committee, which she called "my baby." The other groups meet about once a month but it tends to meet just at the first of each year when positions are formulated for Congress, she explained.

Runs A Busy Office

With 65,000 constituents, soon to become 72,000 under redistricting, she said she could use more help in her office where she has an aide and receptionist.

"The fifth district has the highest voter registration," she said. "It puts a tremendous load on our office. I used to try to answer every single letter but I can't do it any more."

Still, if someone challenges her in June, she's ready and eager for a campaign to hold on to her seven-day-a week job: "I enjoy campaigning. It's one of my most exciting activities although it's very time consuming and very expensive."

Her family is ready, too. "The boys learned long ago where the cookies are at the fire stations and where there's a field they can play ball in."

A native of Stuttgart in Germany's Black Forest region, Strasser Kauffman has a hint of an accent despite being raised from childhood in Encinitas in Southern California. She earned her B.A. in International Law at Whittier College, and her M.A. and doctoral candidate degree in Political Science and International Politics at UCLA. She also studied extensively in Europe and taught for 15 years at various California schools.

"It's astounding to me that I'm now in local politics after studying international affairs for so long," she said.

Home Is "A Place to Snuggle"

It was in Los Angeles where she met her future husband, then an intern at Los Angeles County Hospital. When he took a position at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula in 1973, she joined Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) as a political science teacher.

Despite their hectic schedules, Strasser Kauffman says she cooks the family meal virtually ever night except Tuesdays when the board of supervisors sits and "then Richard cooks."

"We have our family meal and sit and talk," she said. "It's nice for me that they're so supportive, and I have some place to go and snuggle."



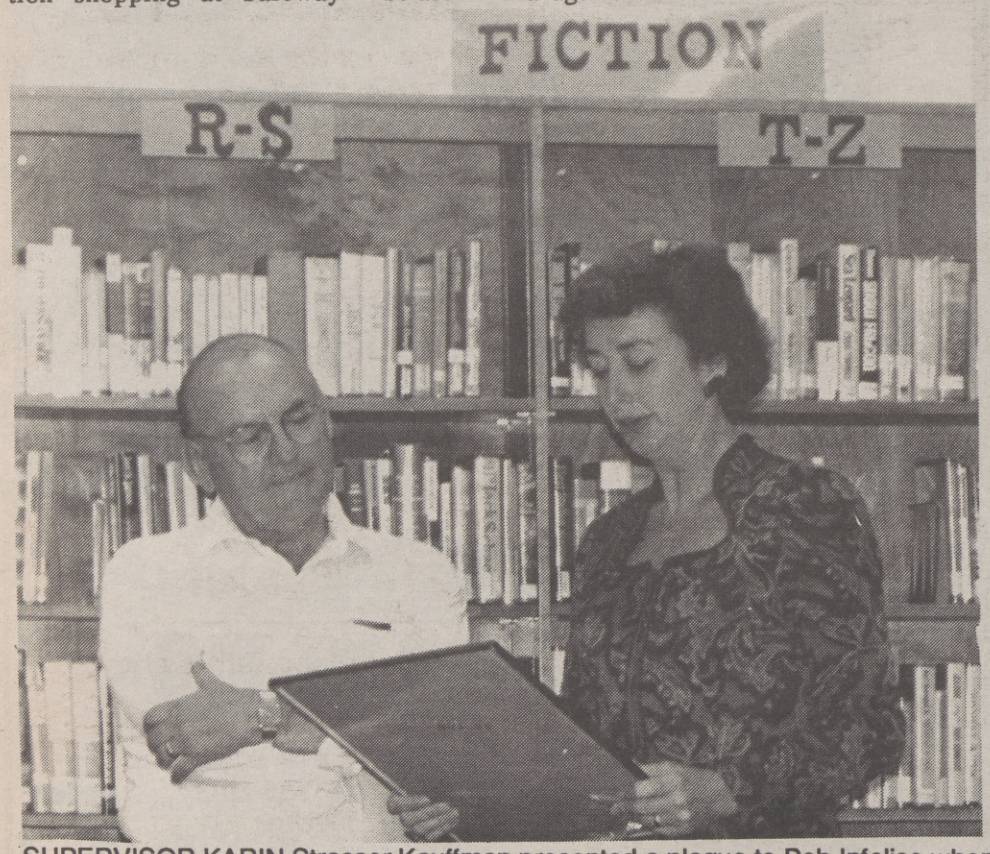
DONNING A HARD HAT is all in a day's work for Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman, above, who joined Environmental Health Department Director Walter Wong last summer for an explanation of how a study of local garbage would work.
Sun photo by Stan Hall

Strasser Kauffman's Office Calms Her

Fifth District Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman has filled her ground level office at the Monterey County Courthouse with watercolors and photographs of her district by local artists.

There is one black and white photograph by Brett Weston of Garrapata Beach just south of the Mal Paso Bridge on Highway 1 she finds particularly comforting.

"After a really hard day, I come in here and look at that picture and I feel as if I can walk right onto that beach and be relaxed. It is so beautiful," she said.



SUPERVISOR KARIN Strasser Kauffman presented a plaque to Bob Infelise when he retired last year as Carmel School Superintendent. Infelise was approached without success to run against her in the June elections.

Supervisor Seeks Interim Highway 1 Improvements

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ting through during heavy periods of congestion on Highway 1 and Carmel Valley Road and hour-long traffic backups through Carmel Highlands.

"We want an environmentally sound solution," she said. "Caltrans has a huge task ahead of them to meet their promises in the areas of wetlands mitigation and noise."

"No one wants a San Jose solution," she said. "Public opposition is too strong. For those individuals worried about that, the community is with them."

Asked about the city of Carmel's opposition, she said, "The position in Carmel has changed every 20 years," and while Caltrans "would prefer to go somewhere else where they're wanted," federal funds for the freeway project cannot be diverted to any other location in Monterey County.

Caltrans has opposed diverting any of the $36 million available for the freeway on any improvments. Carmel is on record as favoring widening the highway.

The State Transportation Commission has approved a "notice of determination" for the project, setting it up for future consideration for funding.

Skip Lloyd of the Hatton Canyon Coalition, which opposes the freeway, has said his group will bring legal action challenging the EIR/S. His group has encouraged such organizations as the Sierra Club and the City of Carmel to join a lawsuit.

Meantime, the regional park district, recording its opposition to the Hatton Canyon Freeway, complained that the EIR/S for the controversial project failed to assess the growth and development that would follow its completion.

Caltrans has maintained that the freeway is needed to accommodate growth that already has occurred based in part on the expectation that a freeway would be built to alleviate traffic congestion.

In a letter to the California Transportation Commission, Zad Leavy, president of the park district board, called the EIR/S "woefully inadequate, particularly regarding sensitive natural resources."

The five-member park district board voted unanimously Dec. 2 to oppose the freeway. The park district has said it would be interested in acquiring the 168-acre site should it not be used for a freeway.

Leavy's letter was sent to the commission before its vote Dec. 12 to accept the EIR/S and qualify the long-pending freeway for consideration for funding in the future.

In calling for a new or revised EIR/S, Leavy said the information on biological resources in Hatton Canyon is "outdated and incomplete."

Specifically, Leavy wrote: There is no mention of the documented presence of mountain lion in Hatton Canyon. The bird list contains only 14 species (three of which do not occur in Hatton Canyon), when in fact 65 bird species have been documented. Stream characteristics of both perennial and intermittent reaches of the Hatton Canyon Creek have not been discussed. There is virtually no mention of the network of canyons comprising the 825-acre Hatton Canyon watershed and the importance of these valuable integrated wildlife corridors."

Leavy also said that mitigation measures outlined in the EIR/S are deficient, and he said the EIR/S "fails to address the cumulative impacts on natural resources that will result from growth and suburban development following the completion of the Hatton Canyon Freeway.

"The growth inducement potential of the freeway and corresponding loss or fragmentation of natural plant and wildlife habitat on a regional scale has not been analyzed in the environmental document."

State Water Agency Lists River Contacts

The State Water Resources Control Board has issued a list of its staff members who are responsible for pending permits or complaints involving the Carmel River.

A letter to the *Sun* from Murt Lininger, program manager, application and hearing section, said the agency is preparing for a hearing on Carmel River issues. He said it likely will include the water management district's application to build a new Los Padres dam, complaints filed against Cal-Am Water Co., and other pending applications to use water from the river.

Jim Kassel has been appointed to the hearing team and has been designated as the primary contact at the agency for the pending Carmel River matters, Lininger said. Kassel's telephone number in Sacramento is 916-657-2176.

Steve Herrera will continue to be the agency's contact person on environmental issues, including the water management district's draft environmental impact report/statement, Lininger said. Herrera can be reached by telephone at 916-653-0435.

Until a date for a hearing on the Carmel River issues is set, Mark Stretars will continue to be the contact person on the complaints filed against Cal-Am. He can be reached at 916-657-0408.

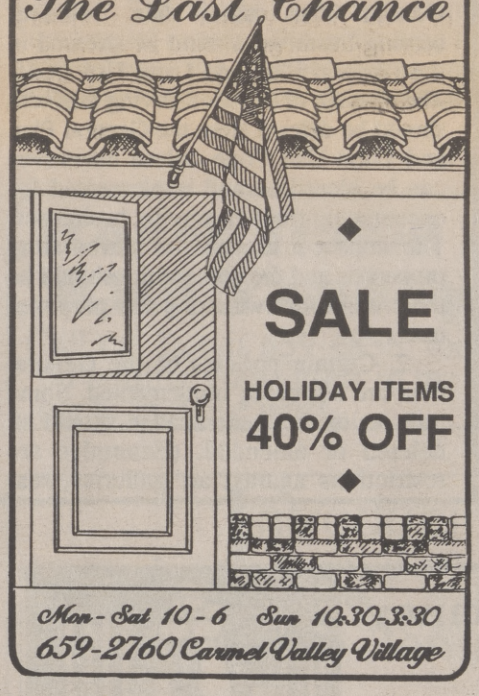


TRAFFIC BACKS UP ON HIGHWAY 1 near Highlands Inn four miles south of Rio Road during holiday periods. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

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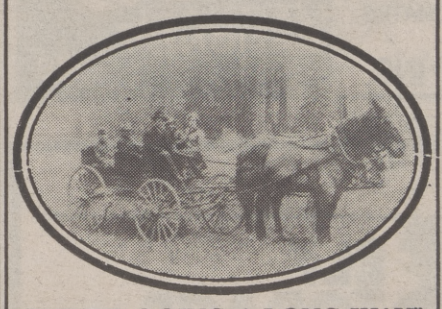
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From Fifth to Seventh Avenues

Planners Recommend Just One Commercial District

By Isabelle Hall

The Carmel Planning Commission unanimously recommended simplifying and clarifying the city's complicated commercial zoning code and creating just one central commercial zone to run between Fifth and Seventh Avenues and from Junipero to Monte Verde.

The recommendation is the most far-reaching and the most controversial to come out of a year-long study commissioned by the City Council. Another recommendation destined to be equally controversial is the proposal to change the objective of "resident serving business" to "unique, quality business."

For the recommendations to be adopted would take a vote by the City Council and then months of public hearings by both the Planning Commission and the Council. The study arose from the council's continued problems with the zoning code during appeals that emphasized the inconsistencies and complexities of a three-inch thick book of regulations.

Final commission action on the report was approved at a public hearing Dec. 18. The report, which has seven recommendations in all, will be accepted formally by the City Council Jan. 7, and a study session is scheduled for Jan. 28. It is the result of eight meetings including a standing room only Town Hall session July 17.

Future Up to the Council

Where it goes from there will be up to the council, and, with civic elections coming up April 14, it seemed certain to be an issue. The business community generally favored the recommendations but the Carmel Residents Association (CRA) preferred the city to hire a professional consultant on zoning.

Creating one central commercial zone would eliminate the present system of a central commercial (CC) zone and a service commercial (SC) zone around it, leaving just a central commercial zone and a buffer between it and the residential area of the one-mile square city. Planning Director Diane White explained that the difference between the two existing zones was seven business uses that are not allowed in the SC.

Eastwood Building Was Split

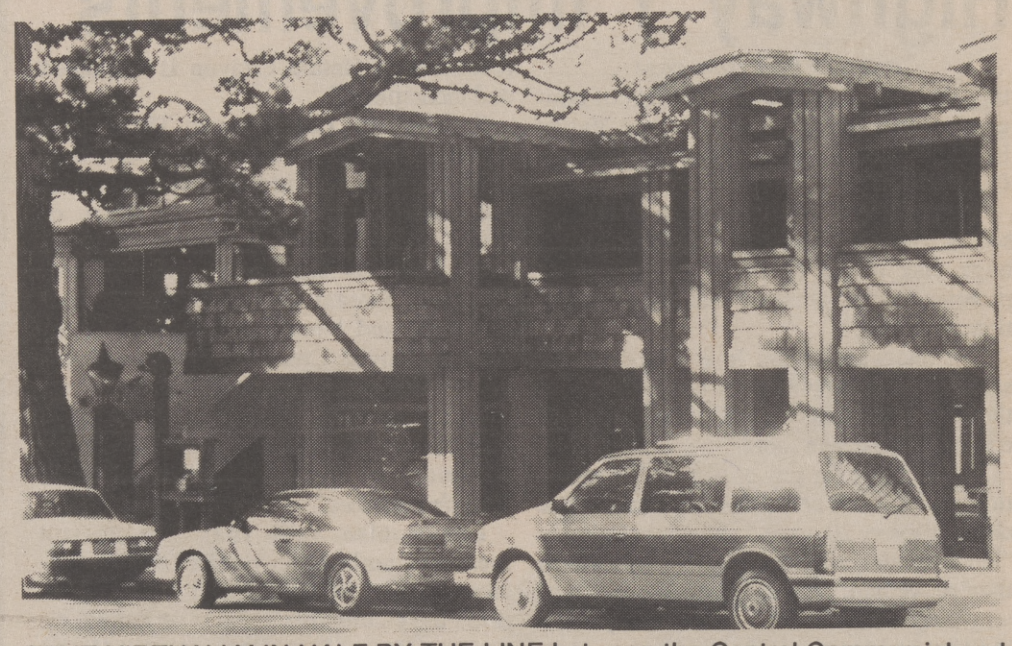
The problems were highlighted when the Planning Commission denied a request to rezone Clint Eastwood's new San Carlos Street building in September of 1990. His building was split virtually in half with part in the CC zone and part in the SC zone, each of which allows different business uses. The effect was to deny Eastwood the right to rent space to an art gallery. The council voted 5-0 to deny his appeal but ordered the zoning study.

Far from simplifying the issue, however, the study has tended to increase the confusion. Some commissioners and the staff were confused after the final hearing about precisely what constituted some of the motions and votes taken. The final report with all the background data will total 218 pages and fill a binder almost as thick as the Zoning Code itself.

The touchy issue of changing the boundaries to create just one central commercial issue was evident right up to the final meeting. When Chairman Carla Ramsey called for someone to open the discussion, no one on the panel spoke right up.

Poohar Issued Warning

Finally, Vice Chairman Stephen Poohar went over the options, warning, "We better have some good reasons for changing..To eliminate lines that divide properties in one ownership permits almost private rezoning (a reference to a recent appeal by Conway of Asia). That is not appropriate. To use streets as boundaries makes sense. To create a buffer to the R-1 zone is most important."



SPLIT VIRTUALLY IN HALF BY THE LINE between the Central Commercial and Service Commercial zones is the Eastwood Building on San Carlos.

Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

Also stressing the need to protect residential areas, Ramsey agreed that "to have zones going through buildings and in the middle of blocks does not make sense."

Commissioner Jack Kennedy, who along with Poohar formed an ad hoc committee on boundaries, agreed the buffer zone was essential. He called for a subsequent look at "what uses you'd allow in that zone."

Simple Spelled with a C

Attorney Michael Albov who represents Carmel business interests, said, "Simple is spelled with a C as far as I am concerned." He was referring to the staff's Option C plan which extended the boundaries to Fifth and Seventh Avenues except for the northeast corner of Seventh and Monte Verde. In the final action, that corner was included in the new commercial zone on a motion by Commissioner Jim Miller.

Eastwood's representative, Alan Williams, who is president of Carmel Development Co., agreed with Option C but he urged the commission to properly document its recommendations because "it appears we're abandoning too many controls, and that is no one's intention. A lot of hard work will go down the tubes if you don't make that clear."

Williams specifically warned the commission to document its reasons for changing the "resident serving business" concept, noting that many people who have not participated in the lengthy hearing process "have an inherent fear of changing the emphasis to quality business."

Perception is Abandonment

"There's a perception you're abandoning resident serving businesses," Williams cautioned. "People who attack your work will come out swinging."

"It is the commission's intention to protect the residential zones first and foremost," Ramsey assured him.

Three business owners, Constance Laub, Dick Clark and Tom Duffy, and Toni Jepson, executive director of the Carmel Business Association (CBA), said they pre-

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Planning Commission Recommendations

Here are the seven recommendations of the Carmel Planning Commission on the City's Commercial Zoning Code:

1. The objective of "unique, quality business" as described in P1-6 of the General Plan rather than "resident serving business" should be stressed in the General Plan and Land Use Code. The concept of resident serving business should be deleted from the General Plan and Land Use Code unless incentives can be identified and implemented for encouraging resident serving businesses. The impact a use has on surrounding properties and the community should be the criteria for evaluating any proposed use.

2. Certain policies of the General Plan are not being implemented. Some policies of the General Plan should be deleted or amended. (Examples are restrictions against art galleries, real estate offices and live music in bars.)

3. The number of commercial zoning districts should be reduced to two districts: a central district and a buffer district. The Central Commercial Zone would be extended to Fifth and Seventh Avenues including the northeast corner of Monte Verde with the buffer district including a distance limitation from the residential area around the periphery. Uses in the buffer district would be no less than are currently allowed.

4. A definition of "intensity of use" should be added to the Land Use Code.

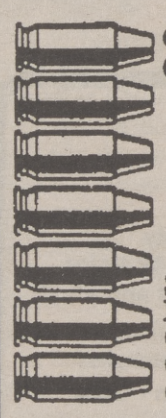
5. Streamline the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) categories contained in the Land Use Code.

6. Simplify the approval process for commercial uses by reducing the number of conditions uses.

7. Remove the Ocean Avenue Overlay District.

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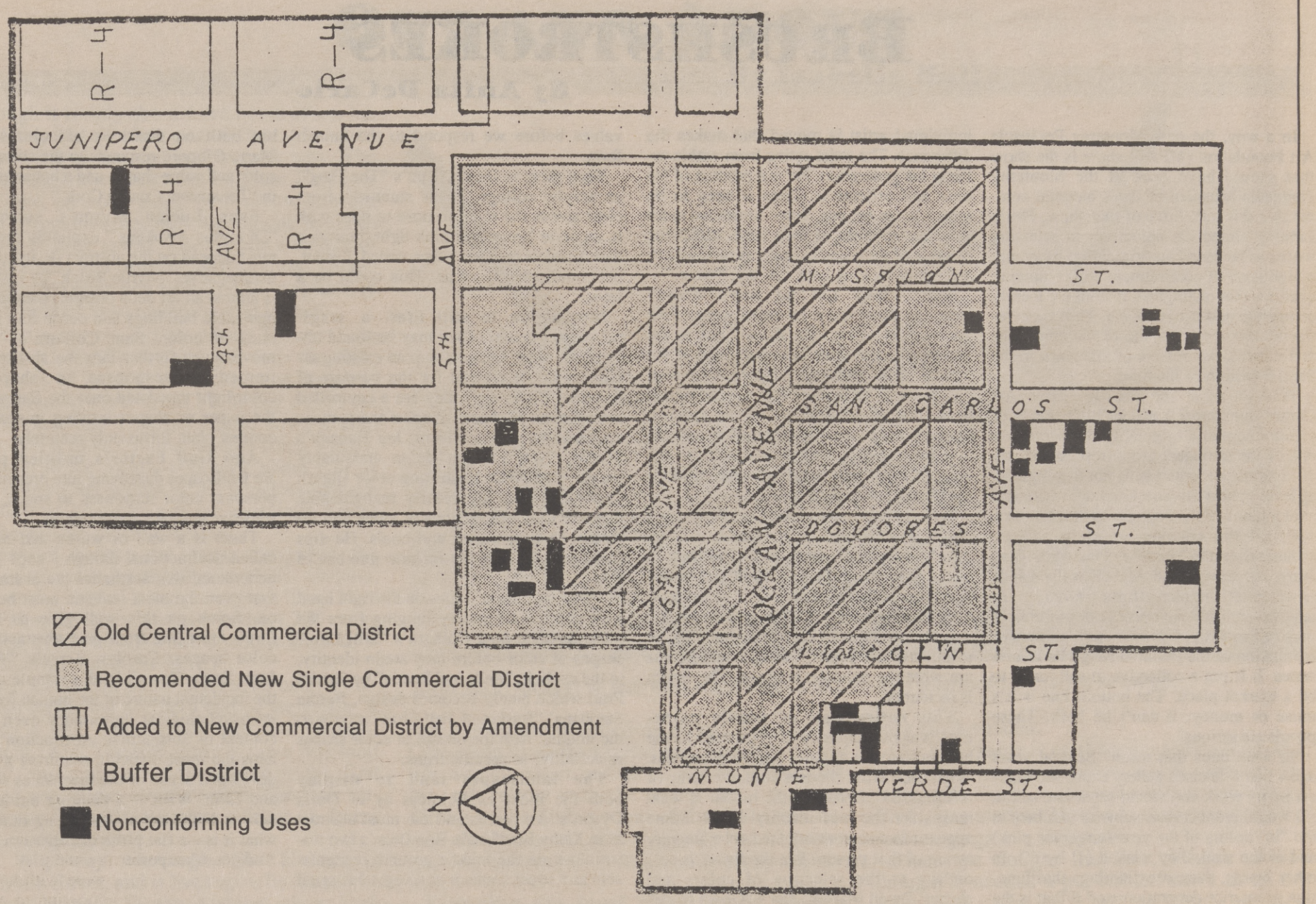

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OPTION C, recommended by the Carmel Planning Commission, would create just one commercial zone as demonstrated by the shaded area in the Planning Department's chart above. It stretches from Fifth to Seventh Avenues and from Junipero to Monte Verde. Also included is the white area of straight lines that was added at the final hearing to include the northeast corner of Monte Verde and Seventh. The shaded area with slanted lines shows where the present Central Commercial zone is. The white area around the shaded zone would be the buffer zone between the residential area under the commission's proposed boundaries. Nonconforming uses are shown as black rectangles.

Carmel Zoning Study Approved

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ferred Option B which would have combined the existing CC and SC districts into one CC district that would be larger than that proposed in Option C.

"While Option C is closer to what we'd all like to see, I'm afraid it downzones properties that are currently in Service Commercial," Jepson said.

Congleton Called for Limit

Commissioner Brian Congleton moved that Option C be approved but include the proviso that there be a distance limitation around the periphery of the buffer zone that would enable certain undesirable uses to be kept at some distance from the residential area. His motion also required that uses in the buffer zone be no less than those currently allowed to prevent business owners from being downzoned by the change. It was approved 5-2 with Poohar and Ed Jordan, the newest member of the commission, dissenting.

"We're not attempting to eliminate nonconformities but we want to make sure we don't adopt a plan that creates a lot of new ones," Congleton said.

Jordan, who just took his seat in December, attempted to have the recommendation on resident serving businesses changed without success.

Concept Proved a Dilemma

Pat Sippel of the Landlord/Tenant Committee, whose report was studied closely by the planning group, said, it had wrestled with the wording for more than half of the sessions it had over a seven-month period, and, "We thought that 'unique quality' was a better way to say it. It was a dilemma for the group."

"If they talked for seven months and couldn't come up with a term, we're better off to leave it out and use 'quality,'" said Miller. "Probably most businesses are both resident and visitor serving."

"We're talking about a principle not a definition," Jordan said.

But the rest of the commission was content with its lengthy study of the concept and the fact that although it became part of the General Plan eight years ago, no city council had ever approved of the incentives urged to help resident serving businesses. The recommendation was finally adopted 7-0 with only slight modification, the semantics of which seemed lost on the public.

Another recommendation that would delete bans on such activities as live music in bars was approved 7-0 despite the fact that the City Council soundly defeated a similar proposal at its Dec. 10 meeting.

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BRUSHSTROKES

By Anita DeCarlo

In a way, the new Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation (MPAF) show is the show that should have been at the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art's biennial competitive this fall. Juror of that show, Philip Linares, stated his objectives in selecting works to be based on originality, reflecting a high level of commitment and containing qualities that distinguish it from the merely competent and conventional. That show reflected the very opposite of his objectives as I stated in my review of that show in the Sept. 5 edition of the *Sun*.

This show, at the Pacific Grove Art Center does indeed reflect high levels of commitment and originality. It is certainly one of the strongest group representations of imaginative, creative, if not avant garde, at least honest advances towards personal explorations of the boundaries of aesthetics.

Of all the various art clubs and associations on the Monterey Peninsula—and there are many—the MPAF truly stands alone in its singular efforts toward an in-depth search for the muse both in terms of personal individual growth and in terms of edification of the public through its lecture series. It is not a collective to sell itself, to be a market place. The bottom line is it's muse or money; it can't be both. These people are serious!

So what does that mean? Several years ago a San Francisco gallery expressed interest in my work and would show and sell it, *if* I would paint certain subjects (adobes) in the "in" colors of the year (turquoise pink) and in the sizes they wished (4' by 5'). In other words, there are paintings that function as interior decoration, and if that is the initial goal they are not very likely going to be art. I think you can catch my drift.

The composer essentially has eight notes to arrange in an infinite variety of order. Music as an art form is both cerebral and emotional. There are all kinds of music that are not necessarily art forms, right? The visual arts are no different. It is a visual organization of shape and color, or shapes of black and white, that are both cerebral and emotional. As in music where the sounds already exist, needing to be ordered, so ,too, with the visual it is *a priori*. There is a universal aesthetic.

The artist pursues it. Now, I really can't put my finger on "avant garde." I have been thinking about this. Is there anything new? Truly, anything new must come from within. It is always the same subject matter—people, landscape, still life, the colors and shapes are always there. It is still the stone washed for a millennium that moves us, not the piece of gravel. It is how the individual artist is moved that makes the difference. The artist acting from within reflects his generation. He is a product of his time and reflects it. Does it need to be more? It can be, yes. Some artists are more sensitive sponges of their time, distill the essence of their age on canvas or sculpt it, and others looking back can say, "Wow."

There may not be any "wows" here, but there are a lot more stones than gravel. It is an exciting show. Look at the variety of expressive interpretations of the human form. Paintings of people have an insistence of their own, that psychological insistence of recognition of the species. Perhaps more than any other subject matter it is more difficult to dissociate from the content of people paintings and build on the abstract essentials.

What is important about Carl Bowman's "Inge, Violet-Blue" is not that it is Inge, but the shapes of color, light and dark in terms of warm and cool, bright and muted that she reflects. The same is true of Charlotte Bjornsson's "Orange and Green " a rectangle divided into subtly changing intensities and values of oranges and greens are what the painting is about. The figure is incidental.

This entire wall of people paintings is a rich tapestry of responses to the human in terms of color and its properties. What each artist chooses from the array of information offered by the model is what makes for the individuality of art. Some appear more content oriented—we are very aware of that person. But the figure is secondary to the selection of colors and shapes. David Martin Loza's "Green Nude" is well defined as a figure, but we are drawn and held by the abstracts. His is a sensitive color statement, each color shape meaningful in the rectangle, a cerebral statement with an emotional impact.

Y.S. Lim's "Stained Glass with Nude" is an optical illusion of color droplet moving from figure to negative. Susan Long's and James Maher's drawings are excellent examples of the figure as a vehicle for abstraction from a first reaction in execution. Figures are figures last, not first. The pattern and movement of shapes in black and white or in color are first response.

Isabel True's trio of portraits in the hall are a clear cut breaking down of the face and shoulders into passages of values translated into color. By subtle changes in intensity, faces separate from negatives. Kira Corser's photograph, "Equis" is a powerful emotional statement built on selected values. Her photograph "Behind the Sheets" becomes a cerebral abstraction of values before we respond to the human form.

Then there is Dick Crispo's "The Frog", an acrylic collage. I was stunned—from clear across the room to nose to nose with it: an eerie Hiroshima pink light through a dark window became a face veiled, distant, but remorselessly clear. This could be a wow.

Moving on to still lifes—a magical subject matter. They may be found objects, the artist's response to an existing arrangement; or created for the purpose of painting. Either way they are a controlled arrangement of shapes of color and perhaps the easiest to extract from. Jay Hannah's Studio, "New London" is an undeniably sensitive response to shifting color (light). Though objects are clearly recognizable they are truly abstractions of value and intensity shapes, warms and cools. He dips courageously into the infinite number of grays.

There are nine still lifes on the right hand wall of the hall gallery ranging from the most abstract, Sam Colburn's "Still Life." shapes of color before they attain identity, to the explicit, "Bells and Beetle" by Sandra Pratt which barely becomes design. Bertha Stephens' "Basket of Fall Fruit" moves to the middle, with the design of color shapes as definitive as specific fruits.

The landscapes tend to display both the most explicitness as in Doris Dyson's two pieces and the most abstract as in Kathy Bradford's. Ron Bean's two watercolors are the middle ground, recognizable as a street scene or as a vegetable stand but built on divisions of color shapes. Marie Gilmore responds to the stimulus of color and value shapes and a house emerges in "Teereveen, County Cork."

Even Lucien Myron's surrealistic "Dionysus Awakens," explicitly rendered, must depend on the abstract design of positive/negative. "Myrtle Beach" by Lisa Dean is almost an art deco design, breaking recognizable buildings and ocean into silhouettes of color. Sam Colburn's "Calla" moves even further into the abstract with immediate responses to shapes of color/light translated onto the flat plane of the paper as shapes moving in space becoming plant forms only remotely.

And Gail Factor's untitled pastels are landscapes dissolving into dreamscapes, personal color responses to space, small, sensitive aesthetic explorations.

There is a wall of works that must be called abstractions, though I hope you've understood that aesthetics are abstractions that even the most realistic must be based on. Some on this wall give us human forms emerging from pure abstractions of color spaces. Carolyn Berry's "Woman from Berry Town" is an example of both the incidental nature of the human form and its psychological importance even in the context of abstraction. Abstraction is perhaps the most difficult, requiring a highly developed sense of the mechanics of color and form. What is a painting but an allusion and illusion of something other than what it is—a flat piece of paper or canvas? And yet, what power.

Mystery Writers Appear at Harrison Library Jan. 10 in Authors-by-the-Sea

Mystery writers Susan Dunlap and Linda Grant will discuss their craft at the second Authors-by-the-Sea series at Carmel's Harrison Memorial Library at 8 p.m. Jan. 10.

Tickets are $12, are available at the library's circulation desk and must be purchased in advance. Only 80 will be sold, and the first session in the series sold out.

All proceeds from the event go to the library's book budget. Writers who donate their time to Authors-by-the-Sea are housed and fed through the donations of local innkeepers and restaurants. Holiday House of Carmel is donating lodging for a second time to the participants in the Jan.10 event.

Dunlap and Grant are both members of "Sisters in Crime," an organization committed to increasing the awareness of women in the field of crime writing and to a continuing study of violence against women in crime fiction.

Both writers have been nominated for Anthony Awards for mystery fiction and are popular with Harrison Library readers, the staff said.

Light refreshments will be served by members of the library staff after the event.

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OUT AND ABOUT

By Isabelle Hall

Although it is only about three hours away, the Napa Valley has a feeling quite different from the Monterey Peninsula, and you wonder why. The 30-mile long valley bisected by State Highway 29 is lined on both sides with arrow-straight rows of grapevines that stretch endlessly between the series of little towns. They create a feeling of being in a neat and orderly farm country, almost European. It makes you feel orderly, yourself, to see such perfect rows marching into infinity.

Similar country exists along Route 1 in Monterey County once you get into the rich, black fields of lettuce, artichokes and Brussels sprouts heading north from Monterey where the farmers must use T-squares their rows are so perfect. But it feels nothing like the Napa Valley. According to the tourist-counters, about half as many tourists are drawn to the wineries that dot the valley as come to see the exquisite ocean views here. This must be a factor.

Observers before me have compared the cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea and St. Helena, known as the Wine Country's capital. They have almost identical populations—in the 4,300 range since the 1990 census—but it would seem as if the similarity stops right there.

Named for Mount Saint Helena, an extinct volcano that forms the northern end of the valley, it dates to a land grant from Mexican General Vallejo in 1834. The first hotel in town was built in 1857, the grant deed for which is the first recorded use of the town's name. The first settlers in the Carmel area were setting up farms during a similar period.

The highway through St. Helena is called Main Street, and it lives up to its name.

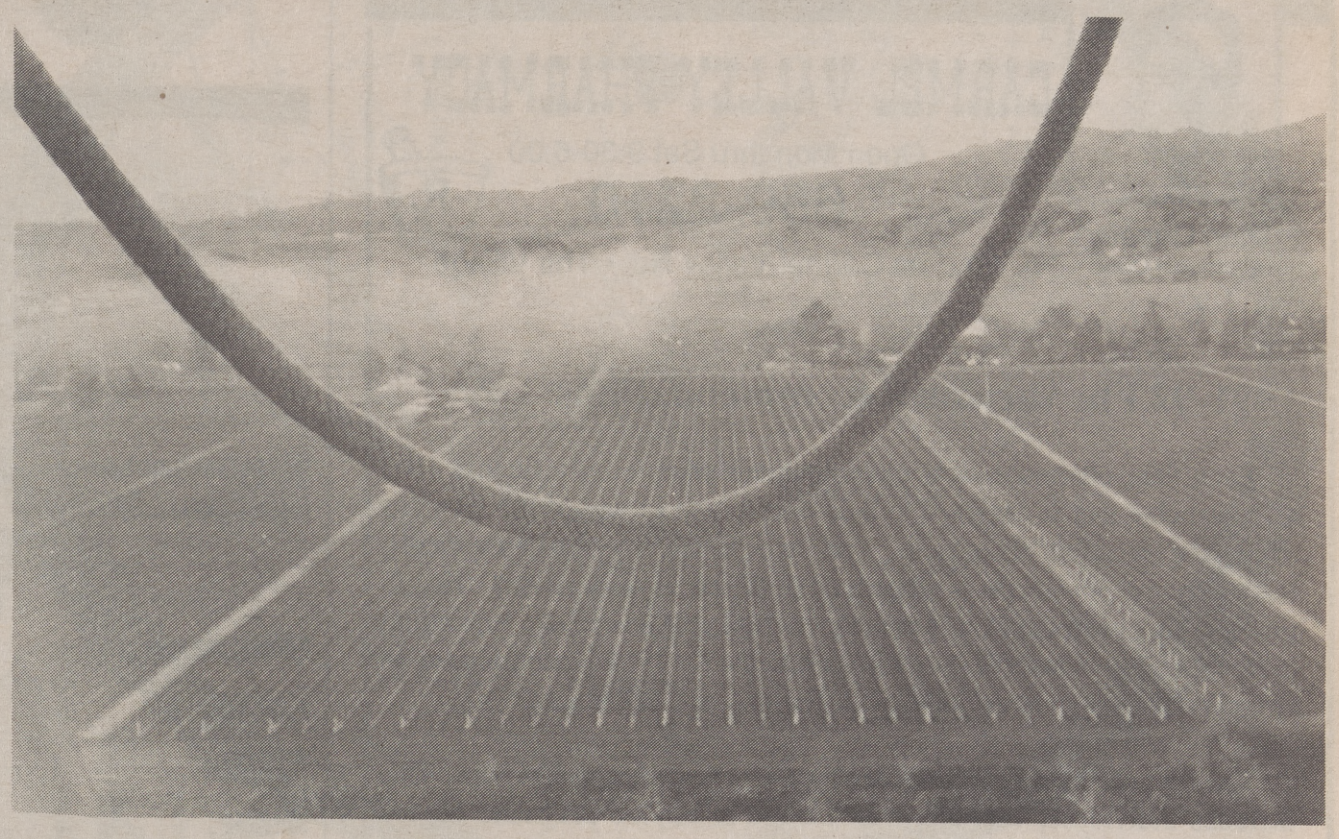
Unlike Carmel's Ocean Avenue where high rents have drawn national franchises, Main Street in St. Helena has a soft, slightly seedy look like a real main street in a real town. I once chatted with a native who said his politically active wife was fighting night and day to keep St. Helena from becoming "Carmelized." I thought it was a sad commentary and not quite fair.

Main Street, St. Helena, has two drugstores, a book store, hardware store, bank, lawyer's office, the town newspaper, the historic hotel, a real estate office or two, numerous restaurants and delis, gift shops, clothing stores and a florist, among other things.

We were there the week before Christmas and decided to do a little shopping one Friday night only to find the stores had all closed. It was close to 8 p.m. and we also discovered only one restaurant open.

It happened to be one of those fantastic places lovers tend to find. An old hotel, it was operated by an amply endowed woman who welcomed us inside. She had two golden retrievers out on the patio fussing to come inside. The young male had barked when we pulled our car up in front and parked. Most of the patrons stepped out on the patio and paid the dogs a visit before they left.

The food was simple and cooked to perfection, the wine, of course, the right compliment. It reminded me of when Stan and I were young and came across such a perfect meal in a little mountain inn in the Laurentiens of Quebec. Such moments, so often spent over a meal, are treasures in life. The Quebecois loved Stan's American accent with its strong nasal Texas overtone. For some reason, which made us both laugh, they told him he reminded them of President Kennedy. No two people could be more different but I knew what they meant. Canadians just plain like Americans, and they love a good strong American accent. The French-Canadians liked the charismatic president whose life was cut short in Dallas, and they liked the big, tall fellow with the twang that I married. Sitting in the dining room of that little, old hotel—the owner told us it originally had 13 rooms and one bathroom—brought back happy memories.



ARROW-STRAIGHT ROWS mark Napa Valley's wine country when seen from a hot air balloon.

Scanning the local paper in St. Helena made it clear the problems of the little towns in Napa Valley are just like those on the Monterey Peninsula. A councilman from Yountville to the south was agonizing over a request from the business community for the town to spend the money on Christmas lights to help local stores draw customers. How many times have I sat in the Carmel City Council chambers listening to similar pleas for help from Toni Jepson of the Carmel Business Association?

Councilman Lou Jefferson of Yountville said his first inclination was that towns like Yountville didn't need lights and wreaths to create a Christmas spirit, but then he thought, "What's wrong with helping our own business people sell more of their stuff."

"What's wrong with our towns, cities and villages trying to attract people from other places to the Christmas atmosphere of the Napa Valley?" he asked himself. "And what's wrong with all of us here trying to help them do it?"

Carmel officials face the same dilemmas and generally solve them the same way. When you see the people of Carmel, residents and tourists alike, turn out for such events as the lighting of the Christmas tree, or the Halloween parade through town, it is heart warming. You know that, despite the veneer of smart shops, basically this is still just a typical small town at heart when it can put on such wholesome events where babies in arms, in strollers, toddlers, dogs, sometimes goats, all join in the fun.

When you drive through the beautiful Carmel Valley east of Carmel where there are no towns except the unincorporated Village, you reach yet another stage of a simpler country life. The Village is not seedy but it can slumber under a deceptively sleepy look, perhaps just enough to urge tourists to drive on by and leave the folks alone, with somewhat the aura of St. Helena, only much smaller.

Our newspaper is on the main street along with the drugstore, grocery store, liquor store, restaurants, gift shops, a lawyer's office, real estate firms, gas stations, hardware store and all the real trappings of a little town.

Since we bought the *Sun,* I have always thought it needed a pot-bellied stove so all the folks who come in to tell us what's on their minds could sit around and "visit." Absent a town council, people seem to feel the newspaper should hear all their complaints and I think that's probably true, ideally in letters to the editor.

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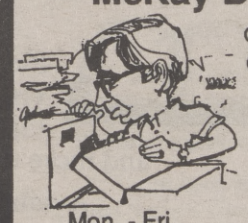
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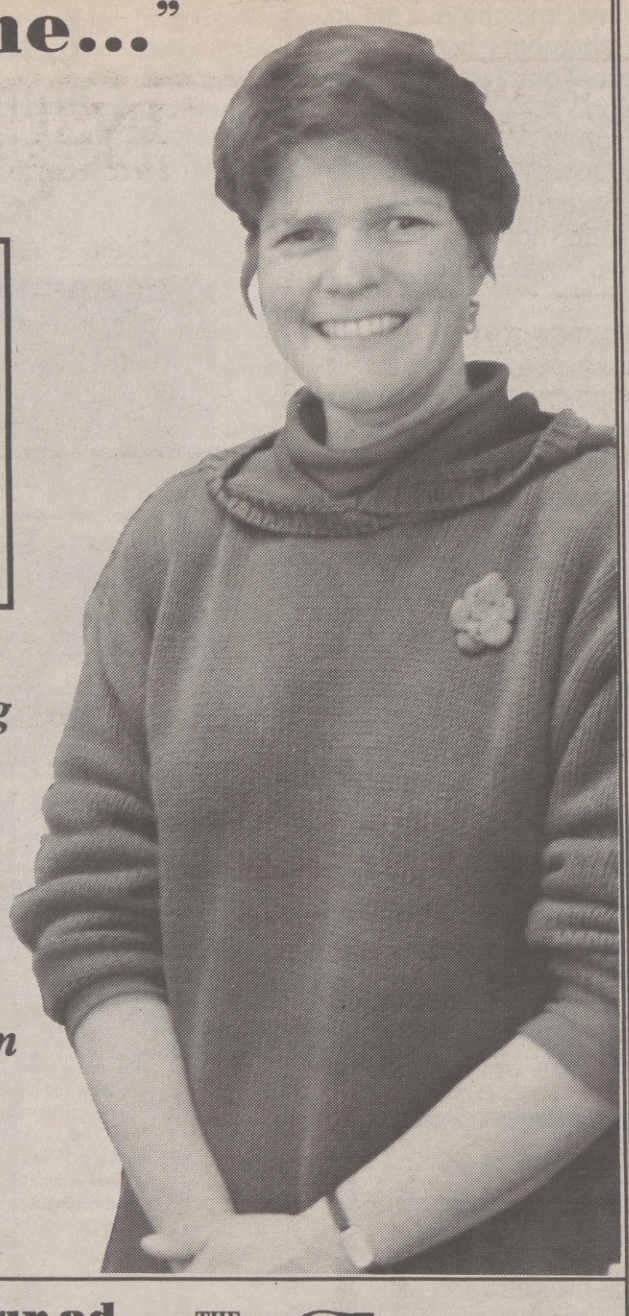
The flu vaccine is recommended for persons in high risk groups. This includes individuals who are over the age of 65, are pregnant, have a chronic health condition of the lungs or cardiovascular system, or live in nursing homes or other types of long-term care facilities. In addition, the vaccine is recommended for children 6 months to 18 years old who are on long-term aspirin therapy and are, therefore, at risk of developing Reye's syndrome following a case of the flu.

The flu vaccine is best given during the month of November, but can be given as late as April. It takes about two weeks for protective antibodies to develop following vaccination. Most cases of flu in the United States are not seen until the month of December.

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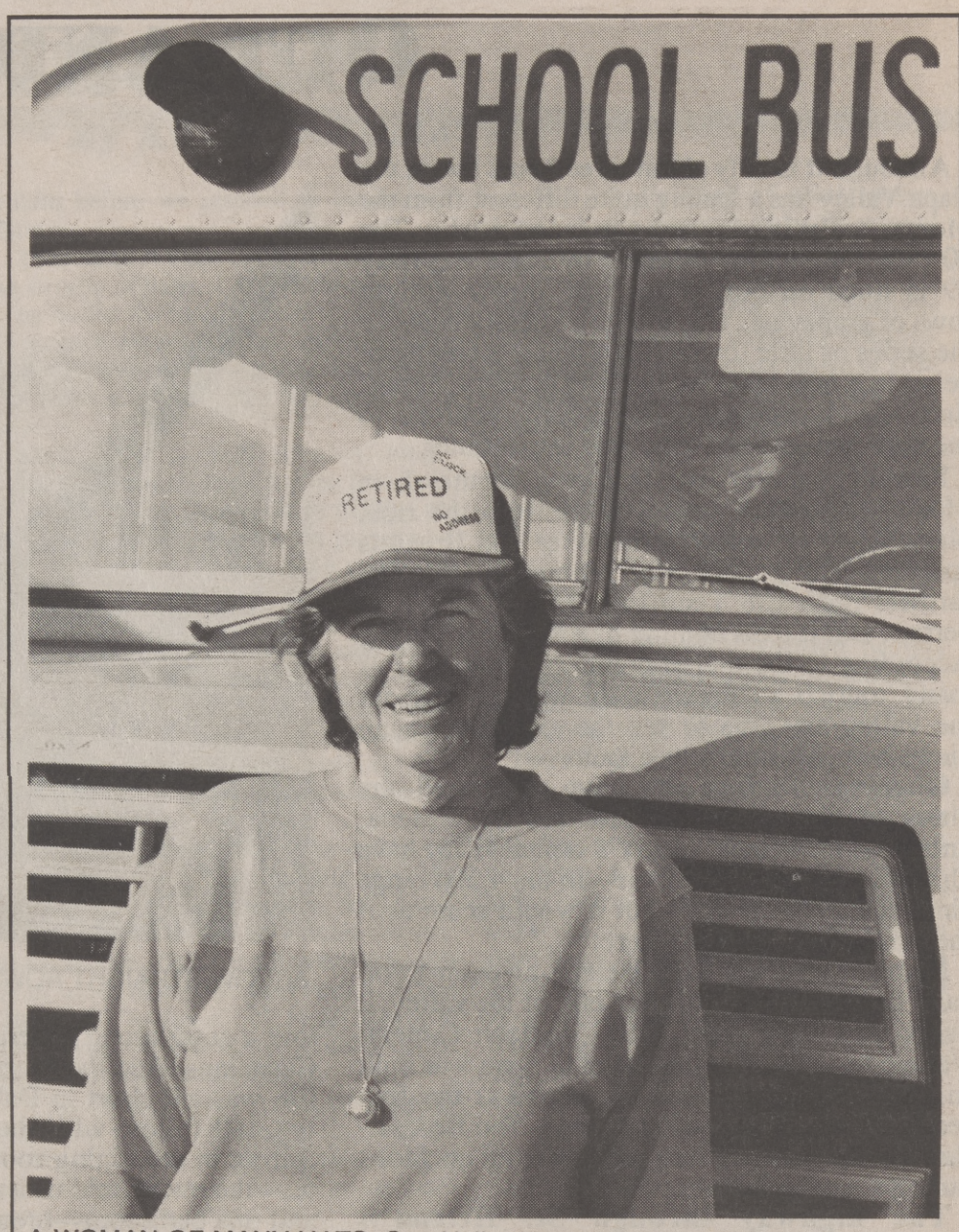
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A WOMAN OF MANY HATS, Sue Hall wears a special one given her by her colleagues on her retirement after 31 years as a Carmel school bus driver.
Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

School Bus Driver Known For Her Many Hats Retires

By Carolyn Rice

A bus driver named Sue has retired after driving a route for 31 years for the Camel school district, but she's not giving up on her hats.

"I wear hats all the time," she said, explaining she started years ago when a fellow bus driver gave her a hat he found on his bus. Sue Hall wore it on her route which goes through Mission Fields, Carmel and Pebble Beach and the students liked it.

From then on, she was hooked on hats—with the help of her passengers. Student's families went on trips around the world and came back with a hat for their bus driver. They went to rummage sales and garage sales and found hats. And so did she.

"I decorate the whole house with them. They're like wallpaper," she said. "It's very different, but it's fun.

Sometimes she buys new hats. Before she retired from her busdriving job in December, she decided to "go out in a blaze" and bought two Christmas, musical hats. She also wore a sweatshirt which pictured Santa Claus driving a school bus with a student throwing a hat out the window.

Hall said her hats "go from the crazy, crazies to the ultra ultras." When asked what the ultra ultras are she said, "real dressy."

She estimates her collection of hats numbers several hundred but admits she has lost track and said it might add up to many more than that.

"I've got a lot of favorite hats. Some are very sentimental."

Hall, who is a widow, said she never thought she would last at her bus driving job for 31 years. She also kept the bus records for the school district. She watched lots of children go from kindergarten through high school. Then she transported the children of the first students who rode with her.

"I saw one man who told me he was going to be a grandfather," she said. She decided she'd better get out "before I get the grandkids."

She said she will really miss the students. "They're like my own kids. If you're walking down the street they yell, 'Hey Sue.' They don't want me to retire."

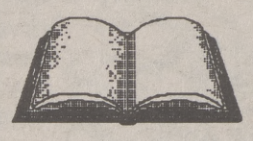
And what does she plan for retirement? "To enjoy life."

And will she continue to collect hats? "I probably will."

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Astronomical Events for January

Fri 3
–Earth closest to Sun (perihelion), 91,425,109 miles away.
Sat 4
–New Moon.
–Annular eclipse of the Sun, between Oxnard, CA and 20 miles south of Ensenada, Mexico. Partial solar eclipse in Carmel. See below for more details.
–Peak of Quadrantid meteors (Jan 1-6). Radiant is in northeast Bootes and rises about half an hour after midnight. Average hourly rate is 110, but may vary between 40 and 150. They enter the Earth's atmosphere at an average speed of 41.5 km/sec.
Sun 5
–Latest sunrise, 7:22 a.m. for latitude 40°.
Mon 6
–Moon at apogee (furthest away from Earth, 31.9 Earth diameters away).
Sat 12
–First Quarter Moon.
Sun 19
–Full Moon.
–Moon at perigee (closest to Earth, 28.0 Earth diameters away). Very high tides are expected because perigee and full moon happen almost at the same time.
–The Sun enters Capricorn.
Sun 26
–Last Quarter Moon.

Planets Visible This Month

MERCURY can be seen before Jan. 19 very low in the southeastern morning sky, about 18-21° to the lower left of Venus. It will be in conjunction with Mars on Jan. 10, when they are only 0.64° apart. Mercury is the brightest of the two, use binoculars to spot them. They are, along with Venus, on the far side of the Sun.

VENUS rises in the southeastern morning sky, it rises later and lower every day as the month advances. The red star Antares is below Venus the first days of the month, then it moves to its lower right, passing to its right and finally to its upper right after midmonth.

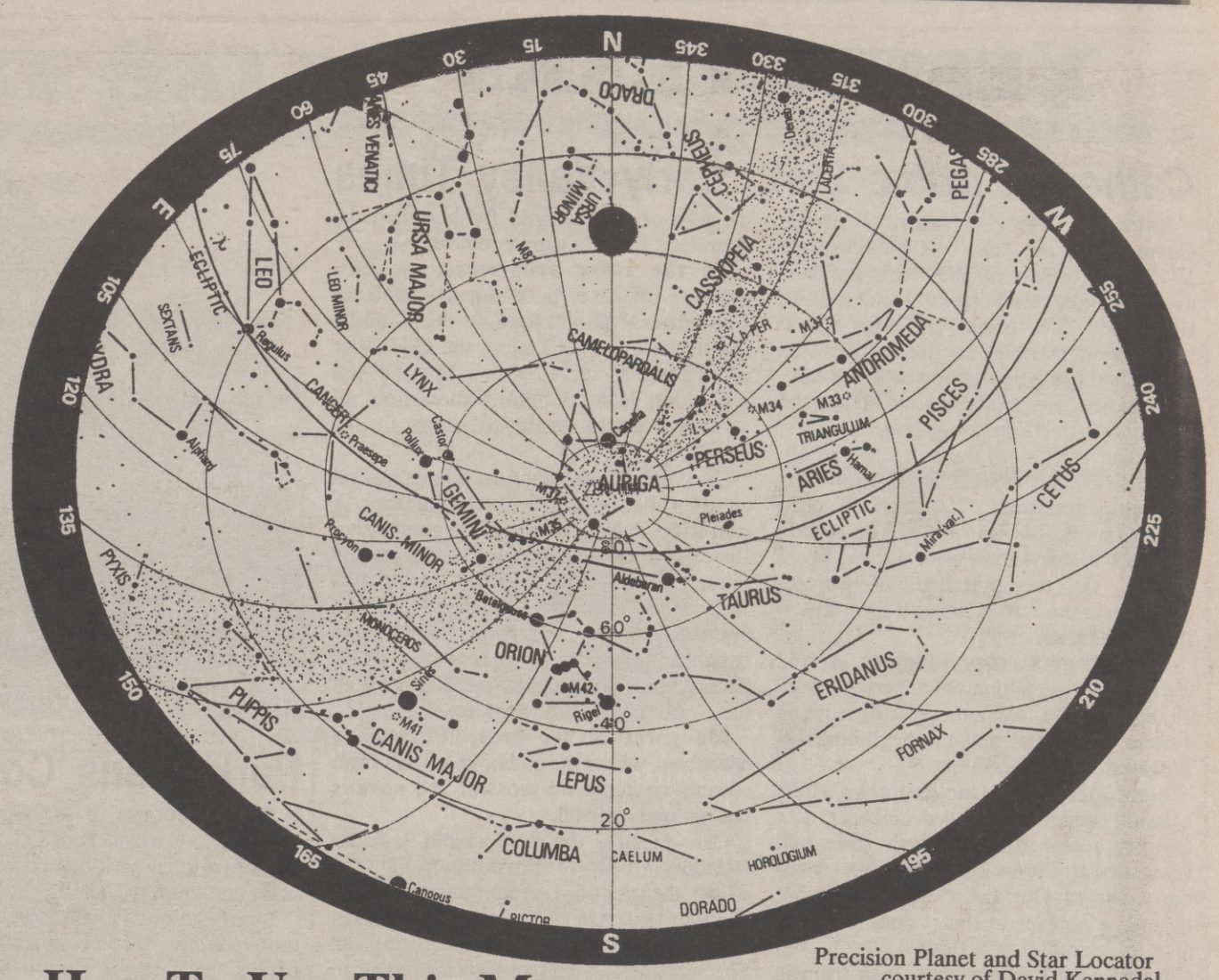
MARS is visible all month in the morning southeastern sky, you may need binoculars to find it. At the beginning of the month it is to the lower left of Mercury, until their conjunction on Jan. 10. Afterward it moves to its upper right. At the end of the month it is only 9° to the lower left of Venus.

JUPITER rises due east at 10 p.m. in the beginning of January and at 8 p.m. at the end, and stays up all night. The 5th magnitude star Chi (χ) Leonis (see map) stays close to the planet almost all month, don't mistake it for a moon. On Jan. 9 Jupiter passes 8 arc-minutes south of it.

SATURN is low in the southwest around 45 min after sunset at the beginning of January. Around midmonth it is only seen at twilight (use binoculars) and then it sets too early to be seen. On Jan. 29 it is in conjunction behind the Sun.

Lunar Eclipse Visible in Area

On Satuday Jan. 4 Carmel will see 82% of the Sun's diameter blocked by the Moon. First contact takes place at 3:30 p.m., the maximum of the eclipse is at sunset (4:40 p.m.) and the end is at 5:02. It will be interesting to see the effects of the atmosphere on the viewing of this eclipse. Take the same precautions to watch it as with last July's eclipse. If you want to photograph it, use a long-focus lens to get a reasonable size image on the film. A 150 mm lens will show an image about 1/18 the size of a 35 mm frame, while a 2,000 mm lens will cover the whole frame. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO LOOK THROUGH THE CAMERA VIEWFINDER WITHOUT THE PROPER SOLAR FILTER OVER THE FRONT OF THE CAMERA, AND ONLY DURING SUNSET FOR A QUICK SECOND.** Experiment with various exposure times and f-stops. 1/100 of a second maybe a good setting, with f/8 for 150 mm and f/16 for 600 mm lenses.



Precision Planet and Star Locator
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How To Use This Map

This is a map of the sky for January between 9 and 10 p.m., for latitude 35°. Hold the map over your head, with N (north) pointing to your north. This way, you will be pointing to the North Star (Polaris), the big dot in the top center of the map. Now the map looks like the sky and you can find your way around! East and west are inverted on the map, but when the map is over your head, they are in the right direction.

It's better to shine a red flashlight on the map so that you don't ruin your night vision; just cover your flashlight with red cellophane or tissue paper. With a little practice, you'll be able to read the map and find the objects in the sky without having the map overhead. The biggest dots on the map are the brightest stars, except for the North Star, which is about as bright as the stars in the body of the Big Dipper (Ursa Major). The shaded area shows the Milky Way. Objects other than stars are better seen with binoculars, try seeing as many as you can. These are represented by a small dotted circle and designated with an M followed by a number.

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Cathedral in the Sun: Early Valley Times

Anne B. Fisher's historical novel, *Cathedral in the Sun,* was published in 1940, but copies of the book are still available on loan from local public libraries. The book provides good background material on life in this area during the Spanish mission years, the early years of Mexican settlement and on into the subsequent American occupation.

Written as fiction, the story is a thinly veiled account of the real lives and loves of several generations of a local Rumsen Indian family, the Onesimos. The second half of the story deals with another local family, via the marriage of Loretta Onesimo to the early Carmel Valley settler, James Meadows.

The story's time frame spans California's developmental period, from 1818 when the missions are still a going system until 1882 and the beginnings of Progress.

In the story, Juan Onesimo is a Carmel Mission Indian who helped build the now famous, picturesque Moorish style bell tower of San Carlos Borromeo. He carved the statue of Our Lady for the mission, became a cobbler in the system, and was also an accomplished fiddler who played chants during holy services. Juan's music is so talented and inborn that, upon the death of Padre Amores, the church violin the padre so loves is willed to the Indian.

When his wife dies in childbirth, Juan is left to raise a daughter, Loretta. In time, Loretta grows up, and as a young woman becomes a devout Sister of the Mission.

The author explains this was not the Holy Orders of a nun, but rather a ceremony for working or lay sisters whose vows included them into an active and devoted part of the mission life. From this experience, Loreta develops deep faith in San Carlos and abiding love for the mission church named in his honor.

She marries but is widowed early on. She continues to live on land in Carmel Valley received from the church. Then she remarries, this time to Jack Preble, an English sailor. Jack's a former blacksmith and ironmonger who, with Loretta, settles on and expands the ranch holdings. The couple grow prosperous, raise cattle, and Jack spends several years away, first as a political prisoner in Tepic, Mexico. Later he goes off to the gold fields, where he operates a forge to supply miners.

As the story progresses, we get a glimpse of life both locally and in California. The Mexican Era ends, California joins the Union, the Civil War years pass. Monterey gets a railroad, the Del Monte Hotel is built, visitors from all over the world begin to come to the Monterey Peninsula.

Over time, Loretta and Jack have several children. but only two live to maturity. A son, Ruez, seems to inherit his grandfather Juan's musical talent and is given the old mission fiddle, now a family heirloom as well as a relic of the now abandoned and crumbling church. Margaret, the couple's daughter, is born on July 7, 1846, the day Commodore Sloat raised the U.S. Flag at the Custom House in Monterey.

Margaret is the real life Isabella Meadows, whom the author knew and from whom she received most of the novel's background material.

Late in life, the 89-year-old Isabella Meadows went to Washington. D. C., where she spent five years transcribing the Rumsen language of her grandfather, Juan Onesimo, for the Smithsonian Institution. She was the last known Carmel Indian to speak the tongue of her forbearers.

The 400 page story reads well and ties together many facets of life as once lived in this part of California. The story ends on a poignant note, with the rediscovery, under layers of old rubble, of mission founder Father Serra's grave. As his tomb near the altar floor is opened to verify the remains, talk ensues about restoration of the now ruined building. Loretta looks on, daughter of one of the original mission builders, inside the now fallen structure of a place so intimately tied to her life.

Chrietzberg Heads Economic Development Corporation

Charles T. Chrietzberg, Jr., of Carmel, chairman of Monterey County Bank, is the president of the Economic Development Corporation of Monterey County for 1992.

The private, non-profit organization was created by the Board of Supervisors in 1982 to promote economic development in the County through private sector and local government cooperation.



AN INTRINSIC PART OF CARMEL history is the Carmel Mission.
Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

Park Plans Cooper Ranch Visits Jan. 25

An open house at the Cooper Ranch addition to Garland Park is being planned by the regional park district for 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 25.

Buildings on Cooper Ranch are being renovated to become the administrative offices and ranger station for the park district, and the open house will provide visitors the chance to see the progress that has been made, the park district said in its latest newsletter.

Residents wishing to attend the open house are requested to meet at the Garland Park visitor center at 10 a.m. for a walking tour to the ranch. Staff members will be on hand during the open house to conduct tours and answer questions.

Otherwise, Cooper Ranch will remain closed to the public until a pending use permit for all of Garland Park, including Cooper Ranch, is approved by the Monterey County Planning Commission, the district said.

The application for the use permit has been accepted by the Planning Department, and a public hearing has been set for Feb. 12.

The park district said that once a use permit is issued, it will enable it to operate all additions to Garland Park since 1975, including Cooper Ranch, as open space parklands.

The 145-acre historic ranch was sold to the park district in November of 1989 for $1.13 million to be ann3exed to the 2,000-acre Garland Ranch. At the time of the purchase, the distjrict offered the use of part of the 60-year old ranch house to the Carmel Valley History Society.

A Runner's Way To Welcome 1992

The 1992 Rio Resolution Run will be staged New Year's morning starting and ending at Rio Grill in the Crossroads for a 6.8 mile race through and around picturesque Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Participants may register as late as 8:40 a.m. with the $19 entry fee going to benefit the Family Resource Center, a County designated child abuse treatment and prevention center. The entry fee includes a commemorative T-shirt and a post-race brunch at Rio Grill.

The race will begin about 9 a.m., and additional information is available by calling The Treadmill in the Crossroads at 624-4112.

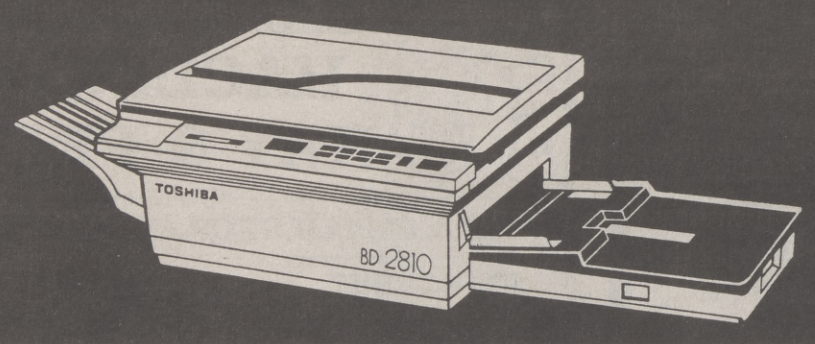
McKay Heads Park Board

Chuck McKay, owner of a business services firm at the mouth of the Valley, is the new president of the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District for 1992.

He was elected at the board's December meeting to succeed Village grocer Randy Randazzo. Ron Levora was re-elected vice president, Dorothy McEwen will be secretary and Sherrie May will serve as treasurer.

The board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Activity House on Ford Road, and McKay said the public is welcome.

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HOME SALES

The following property sales were recorded in the office of the Monterey County Recorder from Dec. 12 to Dec. 24, 1991. The information is taken from records available to the public. Sale prices are estimated on the basis of transfer tax paid to the county.

The *Sun* makes every effort to report these sales accurately, but anyone should consult a Realtor or other investment professional before taking action based on this information.

GREATER CARMEL

24749 SANTA RITA STREET. Michael A. Antoncich to Kent T. and Joyce Yamaguchi and David S. Yamaguchi. $317,500.

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LINCOLN STREET. Russell L. and Nancy P. Thomas to Paul H. III and Marie A. Lehman. $550,000.

CARMELO STREET. Ann Erich to Virginia Olson. $350,000.

1ST AND MISSION. Western American Exchange Corp. to Billie Jane Miles. $250,000.

4TH AVENUE. Doyle and Mary Moses to James P. and Michelle M. McKenry. $569,000.

UPPER CARMEL VALLEY

NO SALES RECORDED

LOWER CARMEL VALLEY

9500 CENTER STREET NO. 41. Stanley and Corienne Cotter to Brooke and Erika G. Anderson. $133,000.

3597 EASTFIELD COURT. High Meadow II to Fay A. Webb. $150,000.

10020 EDDY ROAD. Eleanor U. Mitchell to Joel J. and Carol F. Crabtree. $365,000.

101 HACIENDA CARMEL. Lucy L. Byard to Vere L. and Elizabeth E. Foley. $175,000.

HACIENDA CARMEL. William G. Doolittle to John W. Bradley. $157,000.

8074 LAKE PLACE. John H. and Cherral N. Young to James E. and Lois J. Stickler. $807,000.

11571 HIDDEN VALLEY ROAD. Alex Espinosa to Leslie K., James H. and Barbara Johnson. $250,000.

Realtors Awards Presented

The Carmel Board of Realtors honored its incoming and outgoing presidents during installation ceremonies Dec. 13.

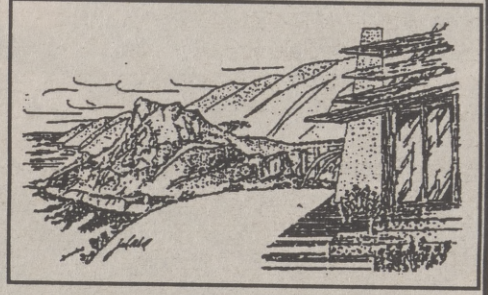
Norma D'Isidoro, of the Del Monte Realty Co.'s Carmel office, was named 1991 Realtor of the Year. She was installed as president for 1992.

L.R. (Buck) Bemis of Cornish & Carey's Carmel office was given the Distinguished Service Award. He was president in 1991.

Also honored was Virginia E. Williams who recently retired as executive vice-president of the board after 17 years. She was succeed by Jan Folsom.

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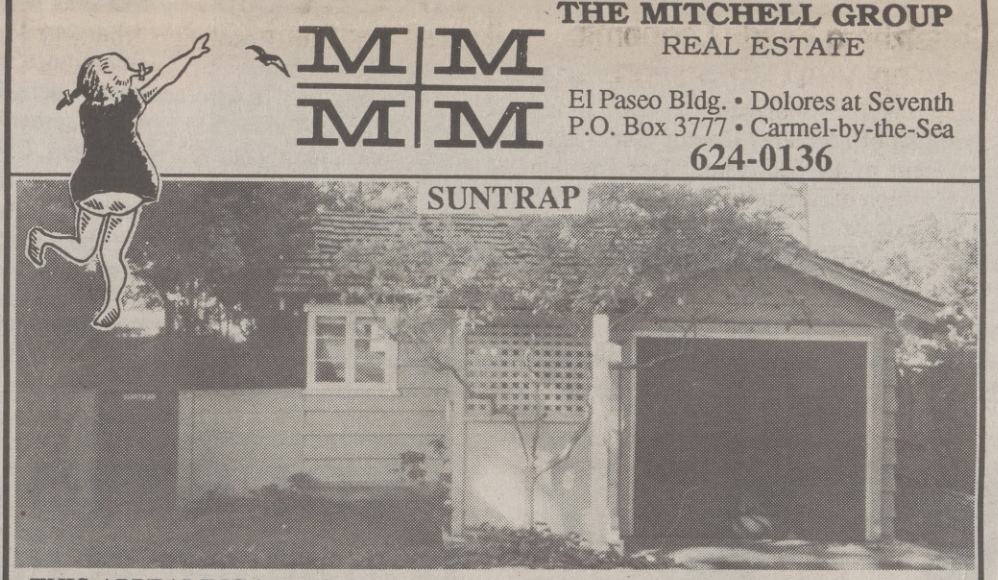
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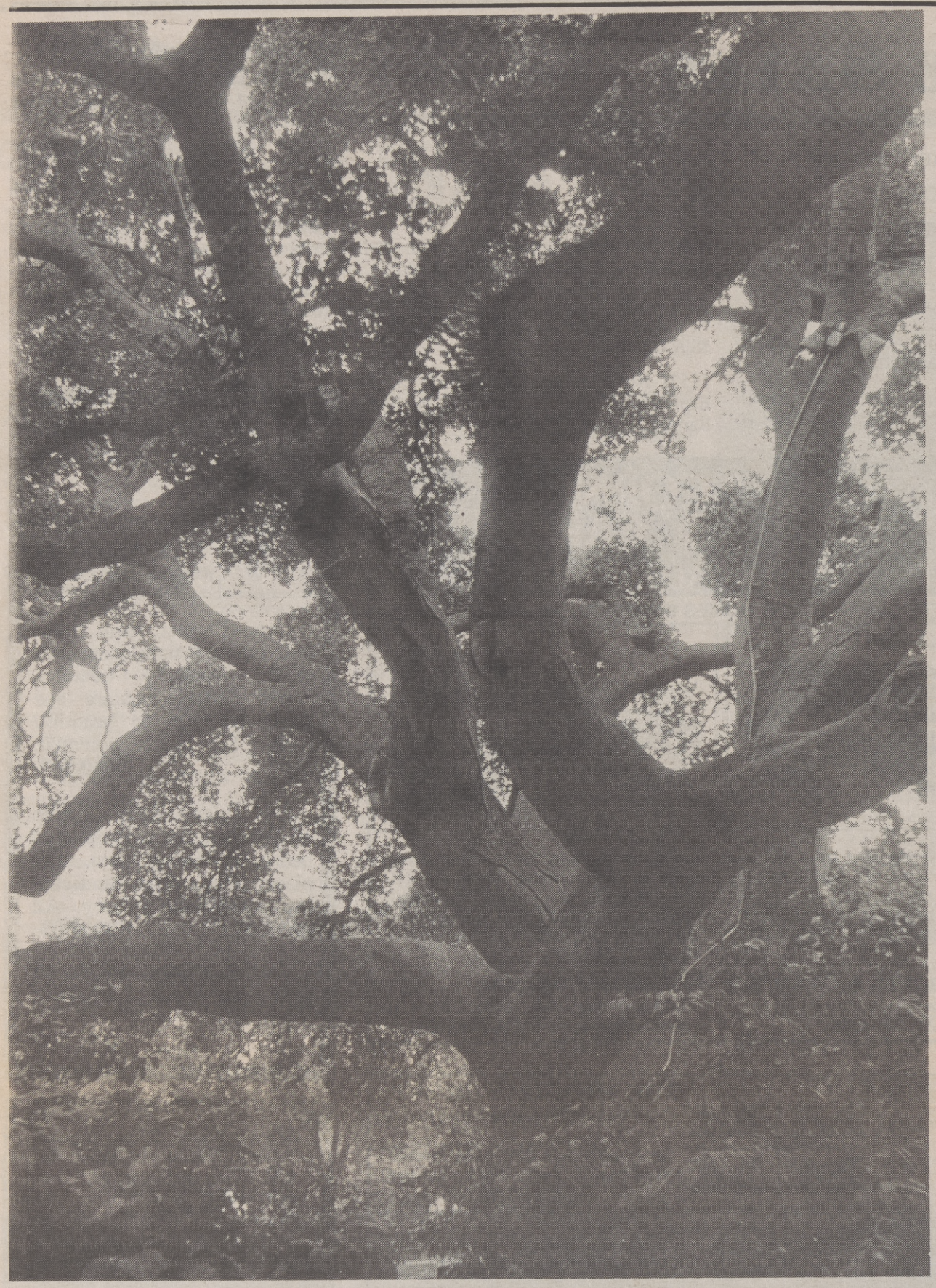
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DEEMED TO BE THE LARGEST Coast Live Oak in downtown Carmel by the Friends of Carmel Forest, the trunk of this handsome specimen known as The Patriarch is 12 feet in circumference. The tree is located in the southwest corner of Devendorf Park on Ocean Avenue. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall*

Carmel Notable Tree Guide Now Available

A pocked-sized self-guided walking tour of heritage trees of Carmel-by-the-Sea is now available without cost to the public.

Co-sponsored by the City's 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee and Friends of Carmel Forest, the guide can be picked up at City Hall, Monte Verde between Ocean and 7th; Carmel Business Association, Eastwood Building, San Carlos near 5th; Harrison Memorial Library, Ocean at Lincoln; and the Library Park Branch, Mission at 6th.

In addition, the Carmel Business Association is making the guide available to visitors through several hundred lodges, shops and restaurants. Organizations wanting multiple copies can obtain them from Friends of Carmel Forest, Box 344, Carmel, 93921, telephone 626-1610.

Sixty-one Heritage Trees and groups of trees, generally those that are the largest, most interesting of form or species or which hold a special place local history, are listed. Of those, 28 especially notable ones are shown on a street map of the Village in the walking guide.

The Coast Live Oak and the Monterey Pine are the two main trees native to the Carmel area, while the Monterey Cypress is indigenous only to points from Point Lobos south of Carmel to Cypress Point north of it.

Selected by Friends of Carmel Forest, an official City support group for the preservation and enhancement of trees, the specimen listed in the guide include:

Largest tree in the downtown: Coast Redwood, 16 feet 7-1/2 inches in circumference, in courtyard of Carmel Sands Lodge, San Carlos and 5th.

Largest Coast Live Oak in the downtown: "The Patriarch," 12 feet in circumference, Devendorf Park, southwest corner.

Historic Monterey Pine in the downtown: 9 feet 2-1/2 inches in circumference, Ocean Avenue center island at San Carlos, west side.

Historic Coast Live Oak in the downtown: 11 feet in circumference, on site of home of Fred and Clara Leidig, early Carmel family, in courtyard of bank, San Carlos and 6th.

Largest tree in the Village: Blue Gum Eucalyptus, 22 feet 8-1/2 inches in circumference, northwest corner of Ocean and San Antonio.

Second largest tree in the downtown: Blue Gum Eucalyptus, 14 feet 7 inches in circumference, Lincoln, east side, between 5th and 6th.

Largest Monterey Pine in the Village: 17 feet in circumference, in courtyard, northwest corner San Carlos and Santa Lucia. Private property.

Monterey Pine "In the Street": 13 feet 7 inches, in center island, Camino Real and 10th, west side.

Old Monterey Pine: 13 feet 2 inches, to left of entrance to historic La Playa Hotel, Camino Real and 8th.

"The Arcade," large Monterey Cypress meet overhead, San Antonio, between 10th and 12th.

"Bonsai Pine": Monterey Pine shaped by sea conditions, Scenic and 8th, northwest corner.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE 91 - 1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MID CARMEL VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MODIFYING THE DISTRICT'S "PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS".

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Directors of the Mid Carmel Valley Fire Protection District of Monterey County, California that the below sections being added, and/or changed to the "Personnel Rules and Regulations" Ordinance 86-1 are hereby ordered.

Section I. Additions and Changes to the Personnel Rules and Regulations

(a) Section 1.2 *Definition of terms*, "Classification Plan" is changed to read as follows:
"Classification Plan" means the designation by resolution of the Board of Directors of a title for each class together with the *job description* for each class as prepared and maintained by the Fire Chief."

(b) Section 1.2 *Definition of terms*, "Contract Employee" is added as follows:
"Contract Employee" means any employee who is subject to employment with the District based on a valid contract providing for that employee's position."

(c) Section 1.2 *Definition of terms*, "Merit salary increase" is changed to read as follows:
"Merit salary increase" means the increase of an employee's salary within the salary range established for the class of position he/she occupies as a result of satisfactory job performance in such position. *All merit salary increases will be reviewed annually during the employee's performance review and any changes to the employee's salary based on merit shall be recommended by the Fire Chief."*

(d) Section 1.2 *Definition of terms*, "Long Term Illness Leave" is added to read as follows:
"Long Term Illness Leave" means a period of time more than one month and not to exceed six months when an employee is unable to perform his/her duties as determined by a doctor due to medical problems that are not job related."

(e) Section 1.3 *Duties of the Fire Chief*, subsection 14 is added as follows:
14) The development of policies and procedure through administrative rules and regulations, general orders, special orders, standard operating procedures, maintenance procedures, and fire evolutions necessary to carry out the mission of the Fire District."

(f) Section 2.1 *Types of Appointments*, is changed to read as follows:
"Type of Appointments: All vacancies, other than temporary vacancies and *exempt employees*, in the District service, shall be filled by reinstatement, transfer, demotion, lateral transfer, or from eligible candidates on an appropriate eligible or promotional list, if available. In the absence of persons eligible for appointment in the above manner, temporary appointments may be made in accordance with these Rules."

(g) Section 2.4 *Appointment*, is changed to read as follows:
"Appointment: After interview and investigation *of the top three individuals on the eligible list*, the Fire Chief shall effect the appointment *of any one of the three* by gaining the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and notifying the person appointed, and if the applicant accepts the appointment and presents himself/herself for duty within the period of time as the appointing authority shall prescribe, otherwise he/she shall be deemed to have declined the appointment. Notification shall be in writing."

(h) Section 4.1 *Compensation Plan* is changed to read as follows:
Change the word "plan" throughout section 4.1 to read "resolution", including the title, which will read *"Compensation Resolution."*

(i) Section 4.3 *Advancement within Salary Range*, is changed to add the following sentence at the end as follows:
"Advancement within Salary Range: Advancement with a salary range shall be authorized only after the affirmative recommendation of the Fire Chief. Only interim, probationary, *contract*, and permanent employees holding positions allocated to a salary range shall be eligible for such advancement. Such recommendation may be made only on the basis of satisfactory job performance. No salary advancement shall be made which will exceed the maximum rate established in the pay plan. *The Fire Chief may recommend a merit salary increase whenever he/she feels that an employee's performance warrants this special merit recognition. The "Personnel Committee" shall approve the Fire Chief's recommendation."*

(j) Section 4.5 *Step Advancement*, is changed to read as follows:
"Merit Step Advancement: All employees shall be eligible to be advanced through the *merit* steps in their respective salary schedule in the following manner *based on their yearly performance evaluations."*
STEP A - The first step is the minimum rate and shall normally be the hiring rate for the class. No employee shall be considered to be on permanent status until after satisfactory completion of the probationary period.
STEP B - The second step is a rate to which a qualified, experienced and conscientious employee may expect to advance *based on merit above Step "A"* following the completion of six (6) months in the position of firefighter, and *contract employee*, or one (1) year in all other positions in which satisfactory service in Step A has been demonstrated.
STEP C - The third step is the rate to which a qualified, experienced and conscientious employee may advance *based on merit above step "B"* following the completion of one (1) year of satisfactory service in Step B.
STEP D - The fourth step is the rate to which a qualified, experienced and conscientious employee may advance *based on merit above Step "C"* following the completion of one (1) year of satisfactory service in step C.
STEP E - The fifth step is the rate to which a qualified, experienced and conscientious employee may advance *based on merit above Step "D"* following the completion of one (1) year of satisfactory service in Step D. This is the maximum salary step within any class."

(k) Section 4.17 *Reduction in Salary*, is changed to read as follows:
"Reduction in Salary: Any employee who is being paid on a salary step higher than *Step "A"* of a salary range may be reduced by one or more steps on the approval of the Fire Chief with the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, in accordance with the Disciplinary procedure contained in these Rules, *or based on a performance review that indicates that the current level of performance is less than that which supported the awarding of the previous merit increase*. The effective date of the salary reduction shall be the employee's new salary anniversary date."

(l) Section 8.1 *Vacation Accrual*, the schedule is changed to read as follows:
"Vacation Accrual: Each full time regular, and probationary employee shall accrue annual vacation leave with pay as follows:

Years of Service	Scheduled shifts less than 24 hrs	Scheduled shifts of at least 24 hrs
0 to 3 years	13 days(104 hrs)	6 shifts(144 hrs)
4 to 10 years	15 days(120 hrs)	8 shifts(192 hrs)
11 to 15 years	17 days(l36 hrs)	10 shifts(240 hrs)
16 years on	19 days(152 hrs)	12 shifts(288 hrs)

(m) Section 8.1 *Vacation Accrual*, Paragraph two and three are added, and paragraph four is changed to read as follows:
Employees scheduled to work less than 40 hours per week shall have their vacation accrual prorated on the basis of 40 hours per week. Thus an employee scheduled to work 30 hours per week would accrue 75% of the appropriate annual leave shown above, someone scheduled to work 20 hours per week would accrue 50% of the appropriate annual leave, etc.
Whenever an employee changes from working shifts less than twenty four hours to greater than twenty four hours or the reverse, his/her vacation leave shall be changed to reflect that shift change. The shift change must be for a period of time greater than thirty days in order for this vacation leave accrual to be re-computed for the new shift.
Employees will be allowed to accrue up to an amount of 240 hours of vacation time if *normally assigned to a shift of less than twenty four hours in length.* Employee will be allowed to accrue up to an amount of 384 hours of vacation time if *normally assigned to a shift of twenty four or more hours in length.* On or about November first of each year, the Fire Chief will notify any employee who might exceed the maximum amount of accrual allowed by January 1. On January 1, for any accrued vacation leave in excess of the above maximum amount, the employee's annual vacation accrual will be deducted from their vacation records.

(n) Section 8.3 *Holidays*, paragraph one is changed to read as follows:
"All *full-time* employees shall be entitled to the following holidays with pay each year and such other days or portions of days as may be designated by action of the Board of Directors."

(o) Section 8.3 *Holidays (k)*, is changed to read "Columbus Day" in place of "Employee's Birthday."

(p) Section 8.4 *Sick Leave*, the following paragraph is inserted as the seventh paragraph:
"Family Sick Leave with pay shall, upon request be granted in the event of illness of a member's immediate family or parents. This does not include grandparents or parents of the member's spouse. Family sick leave shall be charged against the member's earned sick leave. This provision will only be allowed provided that the member has earned more than One Hundred (100) hours of sick leave. and will be terminated when the member earned sick leave drops to the one hundred hour minimum."

(q) Section 8.11 *Overtime Compensation and Work Hours*, first paragraph starting with "In accordance...," and the second paragraph starting with "The firefighters classification..." are deleted, and the following four paragraphs are added as follows:
"Fire Suppression Personnel normally scheduled to work less than a twenty four hour shift. All overtime for Fire Suppression Personnel normally scheduled to work less than a twenty four hour shift schedule, shall be in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, with the 7k (firefighters) exemption of Title 29, part 553 CFR applying. The work cycle shall be a fourteen day cycle starting at 0001 Monday, ending fourteen days later at 2400 Sunday. Time and one half overtime shall be paid after 90 hours worked in the work cycle.
Fire Suppression Personnel normally scheduled to work at least a twenty four hour shift. The Fire Suppression Personnel normally scheduled to work at least a twenty four hour shift, shall be in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, with the 7k (firefighters) exemption of Title 29, part 553 CFR applying. The work schedule of 9 shifts, based on a 27 day work cycle shall apply as scheduled by the Fire Chief. The shifts shall start at 0800 and end at 0800. Time and one half shall be paid after 204 hours worked in the work cycle.
Administrative Officer. All overtime shall be governed by Federal and State laws as modified by the current MOU. The Administrative Officer shall be compensated for overtime at the regular pay rate until the adopted work cycle exceeds 40 hours, at which time the Administrative Officer shall be compensated at time and one half the regular pay rate. The work cycle for the Administrative Officer shall be a 7 day cycle starting at 0001 Monday and ending at 2400 Sunday, working a thirty (30) hour week.
Ambulance Office Coordinator. The Ambulance Office Coordinator is a contract employee, subject to the District's contract with the Carmel/Carmel Valley/Big Sur Ambulance Authority. The work week shall be based on a seven day, forty hour work cycle starting at 0001 Monday and ending at 2400 Sunday. The hours shall be 0800 to 1700, with one hour off for lunch, Monday through Friday. All time worked above the forty hours shall be paid at time and one half."

(r) Section 8.15 *Retirement*, is added to read as follows:
"8.15 Retirement: The District shall provide a retirement plan for all full-time employees. The Board of Directors of the District shall act as trustee for the retirement funds. The vesting schedule of Retirement plan One shall be set as follows:

O to 2 years	*Not vested*
2 to 3 years	*20 percent*
3 to 4 years	*30 percent*
4 to 5 years	*40 percent*
5 to 6 years	*50 percent*
6 to 7 years	*60 percent*
7 to 8 years	*70 percent*
8 to 9 years	*80 percent*
9 to 10 years	*90 percent*
Over 10 years	*100 percent*

Regardless of the above vesting schedule any employee that retires after he/she has turned fifty (50) years of age is one hundred (100) percent vested in all of the District's retirement plans.

(s) Section 11.3 Classification "Bump", is changed to read as follows:
"Classification "Bump": A *full-time employee* laid off from a particular classification may "bump" into a classification for which he/she is qualified (qualification is presumed where the person has held the position previously with the District or where a lower position is in a normal line of promotion). After an employee is informed of an impending layoff or "bump down", he/she must inform the Fire Chief within five (5) working days of his/her intent to take the option of the layoff or the "bump down". The process will be repeated at the next classification level where an employee bumps in and creates an overage in the classification."

(t) Section 13.3 *Types of Discipline (e)*, is added as follows:
"e. Termination. The Fire Chief may terminate any employee for the reasons set forth in Rule 13.2."

SECTION II. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

All former ordinances or parts thereof, conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION III. VALIDITY.

The Board of Directors hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence or word of this ordinance hereby adopted be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the Board of Directors that it would have passed all other portions of this ordinance independent of the elimination herefrom of any such portion as may be declared invalid.

SECTION IV. DATE OF EFFECT.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MID CARMEL VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON THIS 13 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1991 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYE: Erner, Harner, Rice
NOES:
ABSENT: Heaston, McGowan

SIGNED:

(s) E.J. Erner
E.J. Erner, President

(s) T.G. Heaston
T.G. Heaston, Vice President

(s) Gerald W. Harner
Gerald W. Harner, Secretary

(s) Anne D. McGowan
Anne D. McGowan, Director

(s) Robert Rice
Robert Rice, Director

-PUBLIC NOTICE-

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed November 27, 1991
File No. F911974

The following individual(s) are doing business as:
VILLAGE PRESS: PUBLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS
68 Arboleda Ln.
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Richard Paul Morriss
68 Arboleda Ln.
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Barbara Jo Morriss
68 Arboleda Ln.
Carmel Valley CA 93924

This business is conducted by a husband and wife.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on
March 26, 1991.

(s) Richard Morriss
Barbara Morriss

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on date indicated by file stamp above.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original in my office.
ERNEST A. MAGGINI, County Clerk
Dec. 5, 12, 19, 1991, Jan 2, 1992.
The Weekly Sun.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed December 10, 1991
File No. F912040

The following individual(s) are doing business as:
EXPANDING HORIZONS
11 DE AMARAL RD.
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Dan Schwab
118 Lyon St.
San Francisco Ca 94117
Dan P. August
17546 Sugarmill Road
Salinas Ca 93908
Mara Cantor
11 De Amaral Road
Carmel Valley CA 93924

This business is conducted by a general partnership.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Nov. 25, 1991.

(s)Dan August

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ERNEST A. MAGGINI, County Clerk
Dec. 19, 1991, Jan 2, 9, 16, 1992.
The Weekly Sun.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed November 27, 1991
File No. F911972

The following individual(s) are doing business as:
GYMBOREE OF MONTEREY PENINSULA AT CARMEL
San Carlos between 8th & 9th
Carmel CA 93921
Kimberly H. Davidson
10-B Via Contenta
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Siobhan McMurray Greene
6 Via Los Zorres
Carmel Valley CA 93924

This business is conducted as a general partnership.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on n/a.

(s) Kimberly H. Davidson

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed November 27, 1991
File No. F911973

The following individual(s) are doing business as:
GYMBOREE OF SALINAS
1212 Riker
Salinas California 93901
Kimberly H. Davidson
10-B Via Contenta
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Siobhan McMurray Greene
6 Via Los Zorres
Carmel Valley CA 93924

This business is conducted as a general partnership.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on n/a.

(s) Kimberly H. Davidson

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed November 27, 1991
File No. F911968

The following individual(s) are doing business as:
CARMEL VALLEY BREWING COMPANY
100 Ford Road
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Jeffrey M. Frye
104 Ford Road
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Heath H. Matson
100 Ford Road
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Michelle Mudurian
104 Ford Road
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Linda R. Matson
100 Ford Road
Carmel Valley CA 93924

This business is conducted by a joint venture.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on n/a.

(s)
H. Matson

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on date indicated by file stamp above.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Filed November 7, 1991
File No. F911850

The following individual(s) are doing business as:
K.M. CONSTRUCTION CO.
33801 Carmel Valley Road
Carmel Valley CA 93924
Kevin S. Raph
3322 Tivola St.
Santa Ynez CA 93460
Michael K. Bruington
1072 Cota St.
Santa Ynez CA 93460

This business is conducted as a general partnership.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on
Nov. 11, 1991.

(s) Kevin S. Raph

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on date indicated by file stamp above.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original in my office.
ERNEST A. MAGGINI, County Clerk
Dec. 5, 12, 19, 1991, Jan 2, 1992.
The Weekly Sun.

LEGAL NOTICES

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
THE REGULAR MEETING
7 JANUARY 1992
3:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION
4:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION
(Council Chambers)

HEARING ASSISTANCE UNITS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR MEETINGS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

No agenda item will be considered after 9:00 p.m. unless approved by a majority vote of the City Council. Any agenda items not considered at the Regular Meeting will be continued to a future date as determined by the City Council.

I. ***CLOSED SESSION*** (3:00 P.M.)

As permitted by Government Code Section 54956 et seq. of the State of California, the City Council may adjourn to Closed Session to consider specific matters dealing with personnel and/or pending possible litigation and/or conferring with the City Council's Meyers-Milias-Brown Act representative.

OPEN SESSION
4:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

II. ***ROLL CALL (4:00 P.M.)***

III. ***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***

IV. ***EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS***

A. Acknowledgment of the heroic efforts of Police Officer Hector Gonzalez, Jr., in rescuing a man from a flaming home on 21 November
B. Presentation of a Five-year Service Award to Clarke Waite, Public Works Department
C. Acknowledgment of Jean Dahlstrand for her years of service on the Forest and Beach Commission

V. ***ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION AND FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS***

VI. ***CONSENT CALENDAR***

A. Approve the City Council minutes for the meetings of 9 and 10 December 1991
B. Ratify the bills paid for the month of December
C. Adopt Resolution No. 92-06 awarding the bid for the repaving of San Carlos Street north of Seventh Avenue
D. Adopt Resolution No. 92-07 awarding the bid for a police patrol vehicle
E. Adopt Resolution No. 92-04 establishing a Reserve Fund pursuant to the impacts of AB 702
F. Receive report on the use of Measure A funds
G. Adopt Resolution No. 92-01 amending Policy C89-13, regarding sexual harassment
H. Adopt Resolution No. 91-09 concluding the Agreement between the City and AMBAG for amendments to the Housing Element
I. Receive report from the 2016 Committee and schedule a workshop on 16 January 1992
J. Receive report from the Planning Commission on the Commercial Zoning Study and schedule a study session for Tuesday, 28 January 1992

VII. ***PUBLIC HEARINGS***

A. Consideration of an appeal of the decision of the Planning Commission denying the installation of a fence on Del Mar between Ocean and Eighth Avenues in the R-1-B Land Use District (Block C-2, Lots S 1/2 and W 1/2 of Lot 2) and requesting Council interpretation for appropriate uses on a "scenic" easement. The appellant is Kathy Rasmussen on behalf of Richard and Theola Clark, property owners (The Public Hearing is continued to 4 February)
B. Consideration of an appeal of the decision of the Planning Commission denying an exterior lighting plan for a single-family residence located on the east side of Scenic, fourth house south of Eighth Avenue (Block A 1, Lots, 4, 5, and part of 6). The appellant is Frank Logoluso, represented by Mark Watson.
C. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-02 establishing fees for appeals of decisions of the Planning Commission and other fees regarding planning applications
D. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-05 amending the exclusive franchise agreement between the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and the John Roscelli Corporation
E. Consideration of a technical denial of a Conditional Use Permit for a jewelry store with an ancillary use of art located on the southeast corner of Ocean Avenue and Lincoln Street (Block 75, Lot 8). The appellant is Constance Laub.

VIII. ***ORDINANCES***

A. Consideration of Ordinance No. 92-03 amending Section 13.28 of the Municipal Code with regard to underground utilities
B. Consideration of Ordinance No. 92-04 amending Section 12.28 of the Municipal Code by regulating the cutting of all trees greater than 6" in diameter on private property (first reading)
C. Consideration of Ordinance No. 92-01 (originally Ordinance No. 91-22) amending Municipal Code Section 8.32.120 by banning fires on Carmel Beach north of the extension of the center line of Tenth Avenue (second reading)

IX. ***APPEARANCES***

Anyone wishing to address the City Council on matters not appearing on the Agenda may do so now. Please rise, state your name and the matter on which you wish to speak. Presentations will be limited to three minutes.

THIS SECTION OF THE AGENDA WILL BEGIN NO EARLIER THAN 6:00 P.M.

X. ***ORDERS OF COUNCIL***

None

XI. ***RESOLUTIONS***

A. Consideration of Resolutions regarding the conversion of short-term parking on Junipero Avenue adjacent to Devendorf Park: Resolution No. 92-03A allocating the space for hourly parking for automobiles; or Resolution No. 92-03B allocating the space for tour bus parking (Fischer)
B. Consideration of Resolution No. 92-09 adopting the recommendations of the Traffic Committee

XII. ***CONSENT CALENDAR*** (PULLED ITEMS)

XIII. ***ADJOURNMENT***

The next meeting of the City Council will be:

Special Meeting
16 January 1992
(Meeting with 2016 Committee)
4:00 p.m.

Special Meeting
21 January 1992
(City preparedness for wildland/urban fire)
3:30 p.m.

Special Meeting
28 January 1992
(Commercial Zoning Study)
4:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting
4 February 1992
3:00 P.M. (Closed Session)
4:00 P.M. (Open Session, City Hall Council Chambers)

For a recap of the City Council's actions, please call the hotline on Wednesday, 8 January 624-7045

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New Post Office Box Addresses Will Accommodate Automation

The New Year brings a suggested resolution from the U. S. Postal Service for its boxholders—now is the time for them to begin to tell their correspondents how to address their mail properly so it can be handled by new automated equipment.

Postmaster Glen Davison of Carmel Valley said "the use of add-on ZIP codes for boxholders is going to be a necessity."

What that means is that mail intended for people who use boxes in the post office must be addressed with the ZIP code, plus a four-digit code for the box number.

For example, the *Weekly Sun's* box is 931. A zero must added at the start of the sequence to make it a four-digit series, so the proper way to address mail to the *Sun* in the future is: 93924-0931.

Davison acknowledged that a notice he recently sent to boxholders may have confused them. In it, he said the new requirement became effective Jan. 1 and that if mail were not addressed to boxholders correctly, it might not be delivered.

But Davison told the *Sun* that what he really wanted people to do now was to learn the new requirements and begin to inform their correspondents about them so they would be familiar with them when new equipment comes on line.

He said the full use of optical scanners and automated handling equipment in the San Jose and Salinas post offices was still a year to 18 months away. But once it is in place, he said, mail to boxholders must be addressed correctly using the nine-digit code or it could be returned to the sender.

He added, however, that about 25 percent of the mail headed for Carmel Valley already is being handled automatically. "That makes it important for everyone to begin to use the proper address form for boxholders as soon as possible to avoid delays and inconvenience," he said.

"What we really want of our customers is that they start informing their correspondents of the need to address mail with the four-digit add-on ZIP code," he said.

He said that letters addressed with both a street address and the proper nine-digit code for boxholders still would be delivered to the box if the box number was the last line in the address. He also said that if postal patrons within Carmel Valley Village wanted to begin receiving mail at their homes or businesses, it would be provided.

Davison said that if boxholders still had questions about the requirement, either he or the local postal staff would be glad to talk with them.

Board Expels Youth in LSD Incident; Hears Complaint about Coverage

By Carolyn Rice

Amidst complaints about news coverage of the event, the Carmel school board expelled the 15-year-old Carmel High School student who was picked up at the school with LSD in his possession several weeks ago.

Outgoing board president Patricia Condren said the expulsion was effective Dec. 5 through June 30.

At the meeting Dec. 19, Chris Dimaggio, student representative to the board, said high school students felt they had been treated unfairly by local press coverage of the incident. "The students are proud of their high school and with good reason," he said. They get upset when an element of the community attacks the high school, he said.

He said the action was by one student, and it was "deplorable" for the whole school to be criticized.

Dimaggio distributed a letter written by the student government for publication in *The Herald*. "Contrary to popular belief, Carmel High has a drug problem not worse than any other peninsula high school, public or private," the students wrote.

"It seems that Carmel High is continually pinpointed in the public's eye for having an abnormal drug problem, first with the alcohol article in *The Weekly Sun* last year and now with the front page coverage of the LSD bust and the following poorly considered television news special."

Board member Hilton Bialek pointed out to Dimaggio that Superintendent Vance Baldwin had called a news conference to report the incident and warn parents anew to be alert to possible LSD use by students.

But Dimaggio said "the reaction of the media seems to be harsh."

"Any person who deals with the media sooner or later feels it's unfair," Bialek told him. But he added, "They didn't make up the story. It's a free press. They have the right to tell it."

In other business, the board approved $246,442 to purchase three new buses. Baldwin said payment will be financed over the next five years. The buses which will arrive early in January.

"We're not out of the woods yet," Baldwin said. "We can't afford to buy three new buses every year. I just would not count on three more next year."

The district has a fleet of 16 buses which average 18 years of age. The oldest is a 1959 model. In its failed parcel tax election, the district said that one of the reasons it needed the $3.5 million the tax would have raised was to replace aging buses.

Judy Long, district business manager, said the new buses have acoustical interiors which cut noise by 90 percent. They also have additional safety features of padded seats and a door in the roof as an escape route in case of accident, Long said.

The district also approved spending $100,000 for equipment for computer labs at the high school.

Long said the district has $170,000 available to it which had been set aside to pay the County for collecting property taxes for it. After providing for the collection of fees from cities, special districts and schools, the state later reversed itself and said school districts should not have to pay for that service.

The $100,000 for computer equipment had been budgeted by the board prior to its learning it would not have to pay Monterey County the $170,000.

Board members elected Bialek to chair the board in 1992 and Gary Gray to serve as clerk.

Schools to Seek Bids On Portable Classrooms

The Carmel Unified School District (CUSD) board has authorized the administration to seek bids on four relocatable classrooms.

Additional classrooms are need at Tularcitos and to replace two existing portable facilities that do not meet Field Act standards for earthquake survivability, according to Vance Baldwin, CUSD superintendent.

Board member Gary Gray asked, "How can it be that we are in possession of buildings that don't meet the standards?"

"They changed the laws," Baldwin said. The rules were changed on what was needed for bracing and shear strength, he said. The cost of bracing up the old buildings is prohibitive, he said, and steel building contractors won't do it because of the liability.

Carmel schools have had the two portables for seven years, Baldwin said.

Pat Herro called the laws "stupid."

"It's stupid until you have an earthquake and school buildings start to fall down," Baldwin said.

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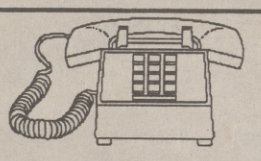
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Begin League Play Tuesday

Padre Coach Says Weak Teams Hard to Find in MTAL

Ready to begin league basketball play Tuesday, Carmel High School has some surprising non-conference upsets under its belt, but faces a conference where coach Rich Frank says it's hard to find a weak team.

"Overall, the league is up this year talentwise," said Frank, looking ahead to his league opener against Alisal at Carmel at 7 p.m. Tuesday. "I think it's the strongest in the last five or six years."

As for the Padres' chances, Frank said, "I think we're a little better than people expected us to be. But as a group, as a team, we're still a year away."

He said his goal for the young Padres is to win a berth in the sectional playoffs. That will require the team to finish over the .500 mark for the season.

As for the rest of the Mission Trail Athletic League (MTAL), he readily singled out Palma High of Salinas as the team to beat, saying that the undefeated Chieftains may be the best Division IV team in the state this year.

He suggested that any team in the MTAL would "have to play over its head" to beat Palma.

Frank also gave high marks to Alisal, noting it had four starters back from last year and had only one loss heading into league play. "They don't have a lot of size, but it's a good perimeter shooting team," he said.

Running down the league, he said Robert Louis Stevenson had a lot of talent this year and Pacific Grove would play tough in the conference. Although it's short on talent this year, Gonzales is always well coached and hard to beat at home, Frank said.

As for his own team, Frank said, "We're making nice progress. We're playing with more consistency now, which is something that we didn't do early. Mainly, that's the mark of a young team."

Frank starts sophomore guard R. J. Powell, juniors Nat Stiles, Ben Fahrer and Jason Lindgren and a lone senior, David Berhnard. But he is quick to say that Chad Franklin is in effect a sixth starter, getting as much floor time in most games as the starters.

He noted that Franklin had started early in the year, but was prone to get into foul trouble. Frank said he had alleviated that problem by bringing Franklin off the bench and also provided some reserve "pop" which the team had lacked earlier.

"We're better than people expected. But as a team, we're still a year away."
—Carmel Coach Rich Frank

The early season inconsistency saw the Padres lose to teams they should have beaten, while rising to the occasion and inflicting defeats on such teams as Seaside, Los Gatos and Monterey.

"Hopefully, that inconsistency is all behind us now," said Frank.

The Padres warmed up for conference play by beating Los Gatos, 57-51, at home Friday and Miramonte, 49-41, Saturday. With a final non league game scheduled at Hollister Saturday against San Benito High, the Padrews had an 8-4 record on the year.

Against Los Gatos, Fahrer led Carmel scorers with 18 points, while Powell contributed 15 and Bernhard 10. The following night, Powell provided the scoring punch, hitting for 19.

Both games were notable for Carmel's ability to play foul-free defense. Against Los Gatos, the Padres were only whistled for 11 fouls compared to 26 for the visitors. Against Miramonte, Carmel again picked up only 11 fouls compared to 22 for the visitors.

Carmel High January MTAL Basketball Schedule

Jan. 7	**Alisal**
Jan. 14	Gonzales
Jan. 17	**Palma**
Jan. 21	RL Stevenson
Jan. 24	**Pacific Grove**
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